SUMMARY.

Presbyteries.	Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.	CONTRIBUTIONS.														
											Syrian Mission.	Chinese Mission.	Home Mission.	Southern Mission.	Indian Mission.	Jewish Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Sustentation.	Church Erection.	National Reform.	Testimony Bearing.	Aged Ministers' Fund.	Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	Salary Paid by Congregation.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
N. Brunswick & N. Scotia	3	2	10	.....	5	17	152	5	85	10	$ 71	.....	$ 12	$ 5	$ 10	...	$ 10	.....	.....	$ 10	$ 8	$ 6	$ 6	$ 350	$1,109	$ 1,597
Iowa	9	6	39	29	79	86	803	33	752	196	859	$ 157	396	264	182	$112	58	$ 76	$2,903	150	83	40	31	3,766	3,383	12,504
Lakes	8	6	35	23	36	89	606	19	618	138	338	54	92	81	55	177	34	55	639	46	83	26	26	2,442	980	6,128
Kansas	17	15	78	56	116	119	1,405	33	1,751	374	899	237	174	351	169	109	82	142	292	210	128	68	60	7,020	3,455	13,384
Pittsburgh	27	35	113	69	156	139	2,184	64	3,293	369	1,970	461	1,298	552	1,178	237	216	239	5,036	1,125	272	118	105	17,380	13,678	45,063
Illinois	9	7	45	30	56	45	881	24	1,209	237	450	97	112	120	10	52	41	56	65	116	77	38	36	4,256	2,338	7,950
Ohio	7	5	25	12	17	55	362	5	265	97	292	39	59	86	47	23	17	26	23	48	39	14	14	1,010	2,125	3,862
Colorado	4	5	11	11	23	16	216	2	435	70	81	9	23	15	15	12	4	22	217	22	13	2	8	1,761	1,178	3,310
Vermont	3	2	10	6	3	27	135	5	209	.....	148	57	37	33	20	20	28	14	17	31	10	10	11	1,160	182	1,896
Philadelphia	5	6	22	10	36	38	673	17	637	145	389	112	436	109	57	68	44	31	302	137	21	19	24	6,152	7,377	16,319
Rochester	6	5	19	12	23	28	369	3	312	75	335	59	85	61	45	21	30	69	297	55	74	27	28	2,720	1,478	5,384
New York	15	16	62	56	115	124	1,803	38	1,497	537	5,481	311	394	328	291	152	218	762	5,539	306	240	84	69	13,414	19,835	47,424
Syrian	3	4	.....	.....	20	27	241	25	405	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	459
Totals	116	114	469	314	685	810	9,830	273	11,468	2,248	$11,313	$1,583	$3,118	$2,005	$2,172	$983	$782	$1,492	$15,330	$2,256	$1,042	$452	$418	$62,431	$57,128	$165,280

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SESSION LXIX.

Walton, N. Y., June 1st, 1898.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Walton, N. Y., on June 1st, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M. The Moderator, Rev. T. P. Robb, called the Synod to order, and constituted the court with prayer.

The Roll was called by Presbyteries and is as follows:

ROLL OF SYNOD.

Congregations.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
N. B. AND N. S. PRESBYTERY.		
Cornwallis,	Thomas McFall,	H. E. Morton.
Barnesville, St. John,	W. T. K. Thompson. †	
VERMONT PRESBYTERY.		
Barnet,	D. C. Faris,	
Craftsbury,	J. C. Taylor.	
ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.		
Almonte,	E. M. Coleman,*	
Lochiel,	Charles Clyde,	W. F. Brodie.
Lisbon,	Wm. McFarland,	
Sterling,	J. M. Faris,	John Hunter.
Syracuse,	G. M. Robb,	Hugh Scott.
York,	J. B. Gilmore,	James Milligan.

*Not present at the constitution of the Court.

†Ordained since last meeting.

Congregations.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.		
First Boston,	Samuel McNaugher,	James Leitch.
Second Boston,	J. M. Foster,	
Bovina,	T. M. Slater,	A. S. Gilchrist.
Brooklyn,	W. M. George,†	J. W. Pritchard.
Cambridge,	S. G. Shaw,	
Coldenham,	Thomas Patton,	
First Newburgh,	J. W. F. Carlisle,*	
Second Newburgh,	J. R. Thompson,*	
Second New York,	R. M. Sommerville,	A. Alexander.
Third New York,	F. M. Foster,	Matthew Willson.
Fourth New York,	T. M. Carlisle,*	Robert McAfee.
Walton,	R. C. Reed,	W. C. Doig.
White Lake,		W. O. Frazier.*
West Hebron,	T. A. McElwain,*	John Keys.*
	G. P. Raitt,	
	S. R. Wallace.*	
PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.		
First Philadelphia,	T. P. Stevenson,	Wm. Anderson.
Second Philadelphia,	J. C. McFeeters.*	W. J. Marshall.
Third Philadelphia,		James Service.
	Fergus Slater,*	
	E. F. Sherman.*	
PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.		
Allegheny,	W. J. Coleman,	D. S. Anderson.*
Bear Run and Mahoning, Rehoboth,	J. F. Crozier,*	
First Beaver Falls,	W. M. Glasgow,	J. B. McKaig.
Central Allegheny,	J. W. Sproull,	John Aikin.
College Hill,		R. A. Bole.
East End,	D. C. Martin,	
Geneva,	H. G. Foster,	W. S. McAnlis.
Little Beaver,	J. R. Wylie,	J. G. McAnlis,
McKeesport and Monongahela,	B. M. Sharp,	
Mercer and Adamsville,	W. J. McKnight,	S. R. Rogers.
Miller's Run,		R. D. Scott.
New Alexandria,	R. J. Gault,	J. M. Elder.
New Castle,	J. S. Martin,	D. C. Pattison.
Oil Creek,	S. J. Crowe,	
Pine Creek, Union,	A. Kilpatrick,	R. M. Dean.
Parnassus,	J. S. Duncan,*	
Pittsburgh,	D. McAllister,	Samuel McNaugher.
Wilkinsburg,	R. C. Wylie,	

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Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.
	R. J. George, W. P. Johnston, A. J. McFarland, Sr., J. L. McCartney, R. J. McIsaac,* D. B. Willson, J. S. Stewart.	
	OHIO PRESBYTERY.	
Muskingum and Tomica,		W. M. Wylie.
Utica,	J. S. Thompson.	
	LAKES PRESBYTERY.	
Belle Center,	P. P. Boyd,	J. G. McConnell.
Bellefontaine,		Wm. Reed.
Cedarville,		W. R. Sterrett.
Cedar Lake,	C. McLeod Smith,†*	
Cincinnati,	J. C. Smith,	J. H. Finley.
Fair Grove,		R. J. Jamison.
Southfield,	J. McCracken,	
United Miami,	R. Hargrave, T. C. Sproull.	J. K. Mitchell.
	ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.	
Bethel,	D. S. Faris,	C. H. Stormont.
Bloomington,	R. M. Blackwood,*	S. S. Smith,
Oakdale,		J. H. Hunter.
Old Bethel,		Wm. Willson.
Princeton,	J. G. Reed,	James D. Latham.
Selma,		J. C. Phillips.
	M. A. Gault, S. Kingston.	
	IOWA PRESBYTERY.	
Lake Reno,	Louis Meyer,†	Wm. Hogan.
Morning Sun,	C. D. Trumbull,	A. M. Armstrong.
Rehoboth,	J. A. Black,	I. R. McKenry.
Sharon,	T. P. Robb,	R. J. Allen.
Vernon,	Isaiah Faris,*	Wm. S. Turner.
Washington,	W. C. Allen,*	W. Daugherty.
	G. R. McBurney.	
	KANSAS PRESBYTERY.	
Clarinda,	J. W. Dill,	Robert McCrory.
Eskridge,	J. R. W. Stevenson,	

*Not present at the constitution of the Court. †Ordained since last meeting.

Congregations.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
Kansas City,	A. J. McFarland, Jr.,	
Long Branch,		James Campbell.
Olathe,	Geo. A. Edgar.	W. S. Mitchell.
Superior,		Robert Gilchrist.*
Tabor,	S. M. Stevenson.	
Wahoo,		John Birnie.
Quinter,		A. G. Walkinshaw.
	W. C. Paden.	
	W. W. Carithers.	

COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Evans,	James Patton,
Denver,	T. H. Acheson.
	J. M. Wylie.

Ministers Not Present: A. I. Robb, I. P. E. McBurney, J. Boggs Dodds, R. J. Dodds, Henry Easson, N. R. Johnston, A. W. Johnston, J. L. Pinkerton, D. J. Shaw, George Benaugh, R. B. Cannon, J. M. Armour, Robert Stewart, R. C. Allen, T. H. Walker, W. M. Hunter, S. G. Conner, J. R. Latimer, J. R. Baird, J. C. K. Faris, John Galbraith, George Kennedy, J. J. McClurkin, P. H. Wylie, J. C. B. French, W. S. Fulton, J. Ralston Wylie. T. J. Allen, D. H. Coulter, J. A. Thompson, J. M. Littlejohn, R. A. Paden, H. P. McClurkin, P. J. McDonald, H. H. George. E. G. Elsey.

Congregations Not Represented: Ryegate, Kortright, Baltimore, Brookland and Manchester, Clarksburg, Middletown, Salem, Youngstown, Jonathan's Creek, Londonderry, Mansfield, North Salem, Church Hill, Staunton, St. Louis, First Chicago, Hickory Grove, Hopkinton, Beulah, Hebron, Holmwood, North Cedar, College Springs, Seattle, La Junta, Sterling, Topeka, Winchester, New Concord, North Union, Slippery Rock, Latakia, Eldainey and Jandairia.

Congregation Disorganized: Conococheague.

Presbytery Disorganized: Syrian, June 3rd, 1897.

W. P. Johnston was elected Moderator.

F. M. Foster was re-elected Clerk.

J. A. Black was re-elected Assistant Clerk.

The Clerk of New York Presbytery reported the death of Rev. James Kennedy.

Clerk of Pittsburgh Presbytery reported the death of Rev. David Metheny.

*Not present at the constitution of the Court.

The Court directed that Committees be appointed to report suitable action.

T. H. Acheson, James Patton, W. M. Glasgow and J. S. Martin were appointed Synodical Reporters.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Committee on Order of Business reported. Report was received.

So much of the report as referred to hearing the Retiring Moderator's Sermon this (Wednesday) evening, was adopted, and the remaining parts were referred to a Special Committee to recast. R. C. Reed, T. P. Stevenson, J. McCracken, W. S. McAnlis, Wm. Reed, the Committee.

Synod directed that the following telegram be sent to the Managers of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition: "The members of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in the interests of humanity, morality and religion, earnestly and unanimously protest against the opening of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition on the Lord's Day."

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises respectfully presents the following report:

One hour shall be spent in worship during the opening session before the transaction of any business, and a half hour at the close of each morning session. This service shall consist of prayer, praise and reading the Scriptures, with such remarks only as the leader may deem wise and necessary in conducting the exercises.

The following topics are suggested for special prayer:

Wednesday.—"Our Synod." That the Holy Spirit may so fill and control the members of this Court that all utterances and conclusions shall express the will of God. Acts 15:28; Psalm 143:10.

The Moderator to preside.

Thursday.—"Our Churches." That there may be such a revival of vital godliness in every congregation that the lives of pastor and people shall be marked by deeper spirituality and a clearer sense of the obligation of covenant vows. Psalm 85:6-7; 61:8; Philip. 1:9-11.

R. J. George to preside.

Friday.—"Our Youth." That in the family, the Sabbath School, the College and the Theological Seminary, the central aim of every one thus entrusted with the care of souls may be their personal piety. Isaiah 44:3-5.

T. M. Slater to preside.

Saturday.—"Our Missions." That the missionaries at home and abroad may be wise and strong through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the converts kept from evil and grow in grace, and means provided to sustain and extend evangelistic work. Acts 1:8; II. Peter 1:2-9.

J. S. Stewart to preside.

Monday.—"Our Testimony." That we may be enabled to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering and in our respective fields of labor and before the world witness a good confession for Jesus Christ. Psalm 60:4; Philip. 2:6-11.

W. J. Coleman to preside.

Tuesday.—"Our Brethren in Christ of Every Name." That all stumbling blocks may be removed and the scattered friends of truth and righteousness gathered into one. John 17:20-21.

D. B. Willson to preside.

Wednesday.—"Our Country." That peace may be established in the land, existing evils overthrown in society, and the nation brought into covenant relationship with God. Rev. 11:15.

H. H. George to preside.

R. M. SOMMERVILLE,
T. J. ALLEN,
S. R. RODGERS,
M. R. MAHAFFEY,
Of the Committee.

Synod engaged in Divine worship for one hour.

Committee on Order of Business reported. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Wednesday, June 1st, 2 P. M.—Report of Committees. Order of Business. Devotional Exercises. Unfinished Business.

Wednesday, June 1st, 7:30 P. M.—Sermon by Retiring Moderator, Rev. T. P. Robb.

Thursday, June 2nd, 9 A. M.—Report of Committees. Secret Societies. Temperance. Sabbath. Psalmody.

Thursday, June 2nd, 2 P. M.—Reports of Boards. Foreign Missions. Superintendents of Theological Seminary. Evangelistic Work. Sustentation and Church Erection.

Friday, June 3rd, 9 A. M.—Reports. Missionary Conference. Synod's Board of Trustees. Synod's Treasurer. Reports of Presbyteries. Statistical Reports. Central Board of Missions.

Friday, June 3rd, 2 P. M.—Reports. National Reform. Testimony Bearing. Corporators of Geneva College. Trustees of Geneva College.

Saturday, June 4th, 9 A. M.—Reports of Committees. Systematic Beneficence. Sabbath Schools. Signs of the Times.

Monday, June 6th, 9 A. M.—Reports of Committees. Finance. Discipline.

Monday, June 6th, 2 P. M.—Reports of Committees. Theological Seminary and Education. Missions.

Tuesday, June 7th, 9 A. M.—Reports of Committees. Records of Presbyteries. Supplies. Traveling Fund.

Tuesday, June 7th, 2 P. M.—Foreign Correspondence. Presbyterial Reports.

R. C. REED,
T. P. STEVENSON,
J. McCRACKEN,
WILLIAM REED,
W. S. McANLIS,
Committee.

The pastor of Walton Church reported arrangement for Conference on Friday and Monday evenings.

Committee on Order of Business was charged with the printing of Order of Business, and programmes for Conference; 200 copies.

Presbyteries were granted leave to sit during the sessions of Synod.

Synod adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

Prayer by D. S. Faris.

EVENING SESSION.

Same place Wednesday evening, 7 o'clock.

Synod convened according to order, and the Retiring Moderator, T. P. Robb, preached a sermon based on Psalm 90:16, "Let thy work appear unto thy servants and thy glory unto their children."

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Thursday morning, 9 o'clock, June 2nd, 1898.

Synod came to order and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Roll was called, and the following did not answer to their names: R. J. McIsaac, J. C. McFeeters, J. F. Crozier, J. R. Thompson, J. W. F. Carlisle, T. M. Carlisle, J. S. Duncan.

Minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved.

Moderator announced the following Committees:

COMMITTEES.

Committee on Death of David Metheny: A. J. McFarland, Sr., James S. Stewart, J. W. Sproull, S. McNaugher, Sr., R. D. Scott.

Committee on Death of James Kennedy: R. M. Sommerville, T. M. Carlisle, F. M. Foster, Andrew Alexander, Robert McAfee.

Discipline: J. McCracken, J. B. Gilmore, R. Hargrave, John Hunter, A. M. Armstrong.

Finance: J. Renwick Wylie, R. M. Blackwood, Isaiah Faris, I. R. McKenry, D. S. Anderson.

Nominations: J. M. Foster, J. C. Smith, Louis Meyer, D. C. Pattison, J. K. Mitchell.

Missions: C. D. Trumbull, W. J. McKnight, C. McCleod Smith, C. H. Stormont, W. M. Wylie.

Foreign Correspondence: W. J. Coleman, J. Milligan Wylie, W. T. K. Thompson, James Leitch, J. B. McKaig.

Papers were called for.

Paper No. 1. Suadea Building Fund No. 1.
" " 2. Suadea Building Fund No. 2.
" " 3. Syrian Hospital Fund.
" " 4. Beattie Children Fund.
" " 5. Literary Fund.
" " 6. Temporary Investment Fund.
" " 7. Church Erection Fund.
" " 8. Fund for Mission in China.
" " 9. Building Fund for Mission in China.
" " 10. Foreign Mission Fund.
" " 11. Sustentation Fund.

(All above papers were from Treasurer Walter T. Miller.)

These papers were referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 12. Report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

Communication was read and report was referred to Committee on Finance.

Certificate of the appointment of John T. Morton to represent Synod's Board of Trustees on the floor of Synod was presented.

Paper No. 13. Report of Treasurer John T. Morton.

Communication was read and report was referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 14. Communication from Seattle Congregation.

Communication was read and was referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 15. Petition of Martha Cannon and others.

Communication was read and was referred to Committee on Finance.

Letter from N. R. Johnston was read and referred to Board of Foreign Missions.

Communication from J. R. Baird was read.

Paper No. 16. Memorial from Women's Christian Temperance Union. Memorial was read and was referred to Committee on Temperance.

Paper No. 17. Communication from Young People's Christian Union of United Presbyterian Church.

Communication was received and was laid on the table, to be taken up in connection with report of committee charged with matters in this connection last Synod.

Paper No. 18. Communication from N. R. Johnston.

Communication was read and was referred to Committee on Missions.

Unfinished Business.

Committee on Unfinished Business reported. Report was received and was taken up item by item for adoption.

Item No. 1. Reported progress.
" " 2. No necessity for action. Committee was discharged.
" " 3. Attended to.
" " 4. Committee reported progress and committee was continued.
" " 5. Clerk reported. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Printing Minutes 1897.

The Clerk would respectfully report: That, according to Synod's direction, he issued one thousand copies of the Minutes, at total cost of $304.97. The bill was cashed by Mr. Walter T. Miller, Treasurer of Literary Fund.

The Minutes were sold, as per order of Synod, at 30 cents per copy, postage included.

Copies sold	827		
Copies to stated clerk	4		
Copies on hand	169		
Total	1,000		
827 copies at 30c.	$248.10		
Postage	36.17		
Balance		$211.93	
Minutes of '96 to be sold at 15 cents			
37 copies at 15c.	$5.55		
Postage on 37 copies	1.48		
Balance		$4.07	
Total income from minutes			$216.00
To Treasurer Mr. Walter T. Miller, July 19, 1897	$100		
" " " " " " Aug. 12, 1897	80		
" " " " " " Dec. 30, 1897	30		
" " " " " " April 20, 1898	6		
Total			$216.00
Expenditures	$304.97		
Receipts	216.00		
Deficit		$88.97	

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. FOSTER, Clerk.

Item No. 6. Indefinitely postponed.
" " 7. In connection with this item Paper No. 17 was taken from the table. Report of committee was received, adopted, and is as follows:

Conference Report.

The undersigned having been appointed to confer with representatives of the United Presbyterian Church with a view to the removal of difficulties in the way of Synod accepting the invitation extended to our young people to unite in a convention, to be held in Indianapolis, Ind., August 18-23, 1897, would respectfully report: Soon after the adjournment of Synod I opened correspondence with the committee of the United Presbyterian Church having in charge the arrangements for the Indianapolis convention, conveying to them a copy of Synod's reply to the invitation extended to Synod through Rev. W. I. Wishart; also inclosing a certificate of my appointment by Synod to confer with them and expressing my desire to meet with their committee. To this an official reply was received, signed by the General Secretary of the committee, stating that all the arrangements for the convention were completed before Synod's letter was received, and that these arrangements include the use of instruments, and that the committee would not again convene until they would meet in Indianapolis, and that it would be impossible for them to make any further propositions concerning the meeting. I thereupon gave notice to the Church of the result of my commission.

The official reply of the General Secretary is herewith transmitted. Respectfully submitted,

R. J. GEORGE (Conferee).

Communication from the Young People's Christian Union, inviting the young people of the Reformed Presbyterian Church to attend their convention at Saratoga, was considered. It was moved that said invitation be accepted. While under consideration time for devotional exercises arrived, with D. McAllister on the floor.

Synod engaged in worship for half an hour.

Moderator of last year was directed to prepare the committee's report on "The Signs of the Times," the appointment of a committee having been overlooked last year.

Synod took recess until 2 o'clock.

Prayer by T. H. Acheson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 o'clock. Synod came to order and was opened with prayer by W. S. Mitchell. Roll was called. The following did not answer to their names, but nearly all soon appeared. J. W. F. Carlisle, T. M. Carlisle, McFeeters, J. S. Duncan.

Papers were called for.

Paper No. 19. Letter from the Synod of Scotland. Letter was read and referred to Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Paper No. 20.—Letter from the Synod of Ireland. Letter was read and referred to Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Paper No. 21.—Memorial asking changes in our Rules of Procedure. Memorial was received and was referred to a special committee.

Paper No. 22.—Draft of Plan for Administration of Benevolent Funds. Draft was received and ordered published in Appendix of Minutes, its consideration being referred to the next Synod.

Paper No. 23.—Communication from Young People's Christian Association, Winchester, Kan. Communication was received and was referred to Special Committee.

Paper No. 24.—Memorial from session of Winchester congregation. Memorial was received and was referred to the same special committee.

Paper No. 25.—Petition from R. F. Boyd. Papers were received and were referred to Committee on Discipline.

Paper No. 26.—Communication from the Women's Association of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Communication was received and was referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 27.—Communication from the Executive Commission, Western Section, Alliance of Reformed Churches. Communication was read and financial item was referred to Committee on Finance, and the item as to delegates was referred to Committee on Nominations.

A copy of the Retiring Moderator's sermon was requested for publication in Christian Nation and Olive Trees.

Committee on Nominations made a partial report. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Committee on Order of Procedure.—D. B. Willson, D. McAllister, D. S. Faris, A. Alexander, A. S. Gilchrist.

Committee on Young People's Society.—R. J. George, C. D. Trumbull, T. H. Acheson, D. S. Anderson, W. J. Marshall.

Board of Foreign Missions reported. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Missions. Board's supplementary report was also referred to Committee on Missions.

Conference on Missions reported. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Finance.

Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary reported. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Theological Seminary and Education.

Committee on Evangelistic Work reported. Report was received and was taken up, item by item, for adoption.

Report was adopted, and is as follows:

Report on Evangelistic Work.

The Committee on Evangelistic Work would respectfully report:

Membership in the Church of Christ imposes an obligation to do personal work as a soul-winner. And while in discussing the congregation as an evangelizing agency, we seek to lay the burden of unsaved souls upon the conscience of Christian lay-

men, we do not go past the ministry. It is the duty of clergymen, pre-eminently, to be evangelists. Ministers are, and should be, foremost in this cause, and though we call laymen to take up the work, we would not infringe upon the rights of ministers as leaders. But the question of what are the rights of evangelistic leaders must in some measure be determined by the personal and official character of the men themselves.

Ministers who are recognized as leaders in evangelistic work are either laboring independently of all denominations, subject to no ecclesiastical control; or they have received authority from a synod within whose bounds they are employed and to whose direction they are subject; or else they are pastors settled over congregations, who do the work of evangelists within the bounds of their own charge.

Of the independent class Mr. Moody is, without doubt, the foremost living representative. He is well called "the greatest evangelist known to our later Christian history." With him also are many others who have been richly blessed in leading souls to Christ, yet we regret that so often they have done their work at the sacrifice of important principles of truth. We are sure that these independent evangelists have their place in the work of the world's redemption; but we are not sure that they are the leaders best qualified to enlist the co-operation of Christian lay workers, nor that they are the best agencies to be employed by churches that seek to maintain a testimony for purity of doctrine and worship.

"The evangelist under authority" comes from his synod with credentials as to ministerial gifts and soundness in the faith. He is on many accounts a more desirable agency than his independent brother, and when we look upon his countenance and admire the height of his stature, as he stands before us in the glowing descriptions in which his friends portray him, we are almost persuaded that the Lord's anointed is before us. But there is an obscure shepherd who has been forgotten—the pastor who is his own evangelist. Congregations that have settled pastors sometimes get the idea that evangelistic work cannot be done without the exciting help of a traveling exhorter, and some church members refuse to attend revival meetings unless under the spur of curiosity to hear a new preacher. This is because they fail to recognize the work as God's; for we refuse to believe that a pastor, Christ's own messenger, filled with the Holy Ghost and living the life he should in the community where he labors; who leads his flock like a shepherd, who knows every soul he needs to reach and just how to shape his message—we refuse to believe that such a pastor, with ordinary gift, has opportunities as an evangelist one whit behind those of the mission preacher who comes ignorant of the people and unknown to them, and who must go as suddenly as he came, leaving the work at the supreme moment and often before the best results have been secured.

The advantages of evangelistic work by pastors are in some

measure offset by its difficulties. The demands of congregational work upon the pastor's time and strength hinder him from doing much for the masses. Those within the fold require so much attention that nothing is left for those without. Yet for what end is a congregation shepherded and fed but to qualify for service. The obligations of the Church's membership toward the unsaved do not differ essentially from those of her ministry, and considering the organization and equipment of our congregations, they are weak as evangelizing agencies. Every Sabbath of the year there are empty seats in all our churches, while the unsaved are dying almost within sound of the preacher's voice. This is not because pastors uniformly neglect the churchless or fail to labor for conversions from the world, but because too often they labor single-handed. Ministers are not able to do all of this work, nor are they called to do it all. Josiah Strong says: "My obligation to disciple men to Jesus Christ rests on me, not because I am a clergyman, but because I am a disciple." James H. Brooks says: "Every Christian of every age and calling is appointed an ambassador for Christ." Robert E. Speer says: "The work of evangelizing the world is for every man a matter of personal, inalienable obligation." Thomas Guthrie says: "I do not believe in the Christianity of him who would keep salvation to himself, who makes no effort to save others." If soul-winning is all left to the pastor he must certainly fail, for the work demands the touch of living contact, and no one man has the power of ubiquity. We must enlist the greatest number of saved men in the work of saving others, multiply and distribute centers of Christian influence, and thus bring "the salt of the earth" into fullest contact with the world's mass. In this work the great strain comes upon the personality. A pastor has only a limited amount to expend, but every layman enlisted with him strengthens the personal element, as a new cell the power of an electric battery. This is the true relation between pastor and people in evangelistic work. Many pairs of hands are needed to help draw the net when we are fishing for men, though one voice directs upon which side to cast it. Let the voice that directs be the pastor's and the hands that help be the people's. No leader is so well qualified to guide the work as he, nor so certain to receive the earnest living support of those by whom the work must in the end be done. Under the preaching of Peter three thousand in one day turned unto the Lord, but the preacher stood up "with the eleven." Nor will the children of Zion be born and the Redeemer "see his seed" until "the mother of us all" travails in every member of her body, and all who love our Lord take no rest and give Him no rest, praying that He would establish and make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Each congregation is responsible for those in its own neighborhood; and, composed of evangelistic members led by evangelistic pastors, with God's blessing upon them, there is no reason why they may not see many added to the Church of such as are being saved. Because it costs careful, patient, personal work to

gather such fruit by hand, they may be tempted to hire a man to come and shake the tree. But hand-picked fruit comes in better condition and has fairer prospects of keeping; and while the growth of the Church through such work may seem slow, the method is safe and the results permanent.

Recommendations:

1. That pastors fully direct and lead the evangelistic efforts of their people.

2. That sessions make the conversion of the unsaved a matter of earnest watchfulness and prayer.

3. That conversions be sought more directly in the work of the Sabbath School.

4. That families seek the salvation of helpers and worldly neighbors.

5. That Young People's and other societies co-operate in the distribution of Bibles and evangelical literature.

6. That experimental religion be a more common subject of conversation in our family and social life.

T. M. SLATER,
E. G. ELSEY,
ROBT. P. ANDERSON,
Of the Committee.

Board of Church Erection reported. Report was received, and was referred to Committee on Church Erection and Sustentation.

Committee on Secret Societies reported. Report was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

Secret Societies.

Your committee would respectfully report:

The work of your committee, as we conceive it, is not so much to frame extended arguments against organized secrecy as it is to hold forth a living testimony against it, showing its character; to make it constantly evident that there is no inclination "to hide the candle under a bushel;" to show forth the fact that there is no recession from previous attainments; and to mark any changes in this moving panorama of Secrecy.

"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."—Deut. 29:29. "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will show them his covenant."—Ps. 25:14. The Masonic order, e. g., calls itself an institution; which is a false claim, as that which is instituted is legally and openly introduced both by law and order and then accepted by the people. This is not the case with Secret Orders. They are a so-called institution thrust in secretly like the murderous dagger without either the consent or the confidence of the people.

Without hesitation, we maintain that the testimony and the

example of the Lord Jesus Christ are against this whole system. "Jesus answered him, saying: I ever spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing."—John 18:20. Religion is defined as light. "Then spake Jesus unto them, saying, I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."—John 8:12. "What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light; and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetop."—Matt. 10:27. "For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known."—Luke 12:2.

There must be distinctions made in classifying and condemning these secret orders; but all come under a like condemnation in reference to religion—in either rejecting it, corrupting it or falsely pretending to it. All have an avowed or a covert religious pretension and purpose. Free Masonry is "the head and front of the offending." She has religion, or, rather, she is a religious system. In one sentence—her religion is the organized religion of the "natural man." Men as individuals are hard to reach entrenched in natural religion; how much harder to reach when they are thus entrenched in organizations. Masonry lays the foundation principles for all; sets the pace for all; has her concealed hand in all; imbues all with her spirit. Hence none are to be treated lightly. One deep condemnation of this whole system is that it takes away the right of private judgment, avowedly so in Masonry and in others and practically so in all. Lodges exert a wide influence over their own members and far beyond. Many are deluded by their reiterated affirmations. Right of private judgment being vacated, disaster follows, because there results a diminished sense of responsibility to God. The loins of manhood are loosened by this overmastering tyranny. Many are slaves and know it not.

Further observation shows that these secret societies are great caterers to popular and hurtful amusements, thus frittering away the serious view of life and destiny. This is a matter of no small moment to the pious mind.

They have other methods of catering to a perverted taste, notably by their effusive and offensive titles, their promises of help, their insurances, and what not? They are especially seductive in arranging methods of insurance that may be enjoyed by those who do not belong to the organizations proper—thus craftily designed to deceive the very elect and to silence their testimony.

The character of these societies is shown also by their denials. Why do secret society people so frequently and earnestly seek to minimize the element of secrecy in their particular lodges? Is it not an admission compelled by truth that such secrecy is wrong? Is it any wonder that those societies having such barbarous death penalties as Masonry should lead to a system of denial? They deny Christ; he denies them. "He that transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God; but

he that abideth in the doctrine of Christ he hath both the Father and the Son."—2 John, 9.

In view of these things, we must hold forth a living and unequivocal testimony; "we must not hide our candle;" we must make no recessions from previous attainments. This is the more important because in our land among the churches and in every other sphere there is a widespread conspiracy of silence on this question. In the presence of this crying evil silence has become dross and speech is golden. Because of these things the line between the church and the world is in some quarters well-nigh obliterated. It is a matter of gratitude, however, that many Christian ministers and Christian people in every branch of the Christian church are awakening to the blighting danger which threatens the spiritual life.

We note with sorrow that never before in a Presidential campaign have the relations of the prominent candidates to the secret orders been a matter of so much comment and advertisement as in the last Presidential campaign. This shows the chronic state of the disease. On this alone may alarm be well grounded concerning the permanent good and happiness of our land.

WE RECOMMEND

1. That we abate not our testimony, but add to it as facts and proofs multiply.

2. That there be a more resolute identification with all worthy efforts against secret societies, notably, the National Christian Association and its excellent organ, The Christian Cynosure.

3. That a committee be appointed to investigate the so-called outside insurance relations to secret societies, e. g., Modern Woodmen.

4. That we seek with proper fidelity in our respective fields of labor to give our testimony on this matter as wide a hearing as possible.

WM. C. PADEN,
J. R. BAIRD,
E. W. HOSACK,
Of the Committee.

Item 3 was referred to the Committee on Secret Societies for the coming year.

Committee on Temperance reported. Report was received, and was laid on the table for the present.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Solomon Kingston.

MORNING SESSION.

Thursday morning, 9 o'clock, June 3, 1898.

Synod came to order and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Roll was called. W. C. Doig and S. R. Rogers did not answer, but soon appeared.

W. O. Frazier, representing the Session of White Lake Congregation, appeared and took his seat as a member of the court.

Minutes of afternoon session were read and approved.

Moderator announced the following committees:

Committees of Synod.

Sustentation and Church Erection.—Ministers, J. R. W. Stevenson, T. H. Acheson, J. C. Taylor; Elders, Hugh Scott, William Anderson.

Theological Seminary and Education.—Ministers, G. A. Edgar, J. M. Faris, B. M. Sharp; Elders, Andrew S. Gilchrist, R. A. Bole.

Supplies.—Ministers, J. W. Sproull, E. M. Coleman, Isaiah Faris; Elders, R. J. Allen, James Milligan.

Traveling Fund.—Ministers, G. M. Robb, S. McNaugher, Thomas McFall; Elders, W. C. Doig, James Service.

Committees on Records of Presbyteries.

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.—Ministers, D. C. Faris, Charles Clyde, J. W. Dill; Elders, J. M. Elder, J. H. Finley.

Vermont.—Ministers, T. C. Sproull, G. P. Raitt, S. Kingston; Elders, W. R. Sterrett, John Aikin.

New York.—Ministers, J. L. McCartney, P. P. Boyd, W. C. Paden; Elders, J. D. Latham, William S. Mitchell.

Rochester.—Ministers, Thomas Patton, Louis Meyer, G. R. McBurney; Elders, J. H. Hunter, William Reed.

Philadelphia.—Ministers, S. R. Wallace, T. A. McElwaine, M. A. Gault; Elders, W. S. Turner, W. T. Brodie.

Pittsburgh.—Ministers, W. W. Carithers, James Patton, J. Milligan Wylie; Elders, J. G. McConnell, W. Wilson.

Ohio.—Ministers, D. S. Faris, William McFarland, R. J. McIsaac; Elders, J. C. Phillips, S. R. Rogers.

Lakes.—Ministers, J. S. Duncan, S. G. Shaw, J. A. Black; Elders, J. G. McAnlis, S. S. Smith.

Illinois.—Ministers, S. M. Stevenson, J. S. Martin, E. F. Sherman; Elders, D. S. Anderson, D. C. Pattison.

Iowa.—Ministers, P. P. Boyd, R. M. Blackwood, Fergus Slater; Elders, R. M. Dean, James Leitch.

Kansas.—Ministers, H. G. Foster, J. C. Smith, W. J. McKnight; Elders, I. R. McKenry, W. M. Wylie.

Colorado.—Ministers, J. S. Stewart, W. M. George, J. F. Crozier; Elders, S. McNaugher, Sr., R. D. Scott.

Rev. G. W. Nims, of Congregational Church, received the courtesies of the floor.

Papers were called for.

Paper No. 28.—Referred to Committee on Discipline.

Paper No. 29.—Referred to Committee on Discipline.

A series of resolutions were offered by T. P. Stevenson. Resolutions were received and were referred to a special committee.

Board of Sustentation reported. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection.

Board of Corporators of Geneva College reported. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Theological Seminary and Education and Committee on Finance.

Board of Trustees of Geneva College reported. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Theological Seminary and Education and Committee on Finance.

Committee on Nominations made a partial report. Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Nominations of Delegates to Presbyterian Alliance: W. J. Coleman, J. C. McFeeters, Thomas Greacen, John Hunter.

Committee on Resolutions, introduced by T. P. Stevenson: T. P. Stevenson, T. P. Robb, D. C. Martin, William Willson, J. H. Finley.

Central Board reported. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Missions and Committee on Finance.

Committee on Missions were requested to hear R. J. McIsaac in the matter of Industrial Department in connection with the Southern Mission.

Philadelphia Presbytery reported on the Jewish Mission, Philadelphia. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Missions and Committee on Finance.

Report on Temperance was taken from the table, and was taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

Item 5 was amended and adopted.

D. C. Faris entered his protest against the adoption of item 5.

Body of the report was amended.

Report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Temperance.

The Committee on Temperance would respectfully report:

The position of the Reformed Presbyterian Church taken against the use of intoxicants and tobacco is clear, positive and progressive. The Synod of 1836 recommended to our people totally to abstain from traffic in ardent spirits. The Synod of 1841 said: "Whereas, the traffic in ardent spirits for luxurious purposes and as a beverage has been a fruitful source of scandal and crime; therefore, Resolved, 1. That the members of this Church be, and hereby are, prohibited from engaging in this traffic. 2. That wherever there are individuals employed in this traffic Sessions are hereby directed to deal with them in such a way that

this evil may be removed from the Church in the best and speediest manner." And the next Synod made inquiry of pastors, elders and officers of Presbyteries if this action had been carried out, and the record is "That with few exceptions the answers were satisfactory."

In 1853 the Synod declared that this action of 1841 "Should be carried out in civil legislation, so as to prohibit and wholly prevent the traffic in intoxicating drinks as beverages. That civil government is intended, among other things, to protect the people against the venders of ardent spirits, which can only be done by utterly prohibiting the traffic." On this action of Synod a temperance paper says: "The Reformed Presbyterian Church was the first, by many years, to pronounce in favor of the State prohibiting the liquor traffic." Total abstinence for the individual, and prohibition by the State, has been, and is, the position of our Church.

We cannot find words to suitably describe the evils of intemperance. No one evil causes more misery and begets more crime than this. In quenching good disposition and in inflaming vicious passions it is Satan's masterpiece. It is without one redeeming feature. It cannot be reformed. It will not be regulated, and it must and will be destroyed. But it will not be destroyed until a more righteous indignation and a purer public conscience have been aroused. The hearts of men will have to be filled with greater devotion to home, to country, to humanity and to Christ before this monster will be destroyed. The forces to be marshalled against this evil are the divine institutions. When the home trains the youth in temperance and sobriety; when the State removes the temptation of the saloon by legal prohibition, and when the Church testifies plainly, fully and practically against this evil, then the end will come.

The past year has had its discouragements. Among these we would name the example of President McKinley in giving wine to his guests, setting an example which too many follow; the order of Secretary Long allowing the sale of liquor in the navy, thus exposing those brave seamen to a sore temptation, and also the authorized sale at the post exchange of intoxicating liquors to the soldiers in service, and even at the Soldiers' Homes. The open saloon, at the very door of many of our colleges, without any or with only a feeble protest from the college authorities, is an evil that begets fear in the hearts of those who seek to educate their children.

The fact that this traffic is required to pay a share of the war debt of the nation is used by the liquor interests to support its right to dictate what shall be the policy of the States in dealing with this traffic. Never was this evil thing more active in extending the lines of its destructive influence, and never were the people so tolerant of nor so timid in dealing with so destructive an evil. The State continues to play with the fire that burns in the saloon, and we need not wonder if the breath of the Almighty will blow these coals which the State keeps alive into a flame

that shall devour our palaces. We also note the discouragement caused by the removal of many noble workers in the temperance cause, among whom were Neal Dow and Frances E. Willard. But the signs are not all unpropitious. The continued and persevering efforts of the friends of temperance is a hopeful sign. As the conflict deepens the evidence becomes clearer that there is in the devoted friends of this cause "a divine force, a heavenly fire," impelling them to work for righteousness. Again, the fact that we see this evil fast filling its cup of wickedness is full of hope. Its cup of wickedness is nearer full than it was a year ago; and when that cup is filled full, then God will both empty and destroy it. As when the arrogance of the Jesuit could no longer be endured by the nations of Europe, they were banished by law, so when the arrogance of the liquor power rises a little higher the nations will banish it by law. God lives and Christ reigns. He who leads the temperance hosts will teach the nation, with thorns of the wilderness and with briars if the lesson will not be learned in any other way, that it is neither wise nor safe to ask if the liquor traffic is so in his hands, that the State should aid those that are pursuing this evil to its complete overthrow.

We recommend:

1. This Synod reaffirms its conviction that the Bible, reason and experience demand of the individual total abstinence from the use of strong drink and the prohibition of the drink traffic. And prohibition in the States, to be effective, must be national.

2. That we testify against those who ordain and support civil constitutions which permit the licensing of this evil as aiding this evil, and against those in authority who take part in licensing it as guilty of prostituting the ends of Government.

3. That we especially protest against the opening of saloons near schools and colleges as a crime against the youth, and condemn the conduct of those teachers and professors who advocate and defend a system that would degrade and destroy the noble youth of the Church and Nation; and we counsel parents to send their children to no school where the professors do not wage an uncompromising warfare against the saloon.

4. That we renew our protest against the useless, wasteful and enslaving tobacco habit, and enjoin all to abstain from all connection with this evil.

5. In reference to the memorial from the W. C. T. U. asking that this Synod give its influence to the making of the fourth Sabbath of November a Temperance Day, we recommend that this request be granted, and that our ministers be requested to preach on the subject of temperance on the fourth Sabbath of November.

A. KILPATRICK,
S. KINGSTON.
J. M'CRACKEN,
HUGH SCOTT,
Committee.

Reports of Presbyteries.

New York, Philadelphia, Ohio, Illinois and Iowa Presbyteries reported. Reports were received and were referred to Committee on Presbyterial Reports, Supplies and Finance.

Synod took recess until 2 o'clock.

Prayer by Louis Meyer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 p. m., June 3, 1898.

Synod came to order and was opened with prayer by T. M. Carlisle.

Roll was called.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

A collection for the janitor of the church was lifted.

W. M. Glasgow was appointed a committee to secure and publish the minutes of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church previous to 1833. Expenses are to be paid from the Literary Fund.

It was moved that the Brooklyn congregation be recommended to the Central Board for $100. The matter was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Reports of Presbyteries.

Pittsburgh, Lakes, Kansas, N. B. and N. S., Vermont, Rochester and Colorado Presbyteries reported. These were received. The report of Pittsburgh Presbytery was referred to Committee on Presbyterial Reports, Finance, Supplies and Discipline; Lakes and Kansas to Presbyterial Reports, Supplies and Finance; N. B. and N. S., Vermont, Colorado and Rochester to Presbyterial Reports and Finance.

Committee on the Sabbath reported. Report was received and was taken up item by item for adoption.

Report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Sabbath.

The Sabbath is God's day. The day is so identified with God that the attitude toward the Sabbath is a true test of the state of religion. A man is not a religious man who knowingly and habitually profanes the Sabbath; that is not a religious family in which God's day is given up to wilful desecration. A nation is not in any true sense a Christian nation if by the official conduct of its rulers and the general character and deportment of its people the Divine law of the Sabbath is set at naught; nor will a Church continue to be an evangelical Church after it ceases to regard the sacredness of the day of God.

If these views are correct, then the report on the Sabbath is a report on the state of religion. If the evidence is before us that more and more the sacred hours of the Sabbath are given up

to secular or sinful pleasures, or to exacting toil for worldly gain, no array of statistics as to revivals of religion here or there, or as to evangelistic efforts in large cities, or as to great spiritual movements among the young people, can close our eyes to the painful truth that as a people we are rapidly sinking into a condition of moral corruption and spiritual death.

That this is the general state of affairs in our land is the testimony of those who are engaged in Sabbath reform work. This is not due to the fact that ignorant and degraded foreigners overrun the country and override the Sabbath laws, or that wicked men run on in sin and do not keep God's law, but to the fact that the Church has become so deeply involved in Sabbath desecration that it has largely lost its power as a redemptive agency. "If the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be seasoned?"

Nor is it the whole of the unhappy truth to say that the Church looks on with indifference while her Sabbath is filched away by an aggressive enemy. Her sin is more than indifference; it is complicity. Many of her members are openly engaged in flagrant forms of Sabbath desecration; yet they sit undisturbed at her communion table. Christian postmasters and mail-carriers are employed in the "Sunday mail service," which sets at defiance the law of Christ. Editors, publishers and proprietors of so-called "Sunday papers" are many of them communicants in evangelical churches. Such professors of religion are not merely drifting with the tide of Sabbath desecration; they are among the chief forces in creating the tide.

Sabbath reformers view with alarm the growth of the evil of the "Sunday outing" of bicycle riders. A tract by Wm. Nast Brodbeck, D. D., published by the American Sabbath Union, speaking of this, says: "In the judgment of the writer, these facts constitute the greatest menace to the Christian Sabbath this country has ever known. This is so for two reasons:

(1). The evil is widespread and almost universal. Railroad excursions, steamboat excursions, horesback and carriage-riding—none of these can ever attain to such proportions as the present use of the bicycle on the Sabbath.

(2). It enlists a class of people to whom the grosser forms of Sabbath desecration would never appeal. The very class of people who have heretofore constituted the great bulwark against Sabbath desecration, some of whom are members of the Church and many of whom are not, are being completely engulfed in this maelstrom of Sabbath pleasure-seeking. Now, what is to be the result if this state of things continues and grows worse?"

Yet the picture is not wholly dark. There are some earnest Christians in all the churches who seek to maintain the sacredness of the Sabbath as it is enjoined in the holy Scriptures, and as it was observed by our fathers. There are associations, such as the American Sabbath Union, the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance and the Sabbath Observance Department of the W. C. T. U., and the Evangelical Alliance through the Federa-

tion of Churches, which are doing effective work in defense of the Lord's Day. And there are movements among the workingmen to resist the grinding oppression which would wrest from them their God-given and inalienable right to the day of rest, in which they are entitled to the full support of the Church of Christ, not only in her moral influence, but in the exercise of the authority vested in her by Jesus Christ, her glorious Head.

In these circumstances the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church bears the most emphatic and pointed testimony against all forms of Sabbath profanation, and addresses an earnest appeal to the people under her care in behalf of God's holy day.

First.—Synod calls upon all the officers of the Church to be most careful to set before the people the example of a consistent, conscientious Sabbath observance; and then, in the ministrations of the pulpit and in the pastoral oversight of the flock, and in the tender, yet firm, exercise of the discipline of the Lord's house, to seek to remove the sin and reproach of Sabbath-breaking from the Church.

Second.—Synod most affectionately exhorts all the people under her care to sanctify the Sabbath in their meditations, conversation, reading and deportment. Heads of households are especially reminded of their duty to guard the sacredness of the day in their families; that they should lead the conversation at the table and the fireside to themes becoming the Lord's Day; that they should carefully watch over the Sabbath reading of their children, and should seek to secure that much of the Holy Day should be given to the devotional study of the Holy Book.

Third.—Synod warns her people not to be partakers of other men's sins, by business partnerships with those who plan and work on the Sabbath, or by holding any kind of stock in any kind of Sabbath-breaking corporation; or by voluntarily creating or continuing a necessity for themselves or their friends to use Sabbath-breaking cars in order to reach their places of worship on the Lord's Day.

Fourth—Synod expresses its high commendation of many of our people who are cheerfully making worldly sacrifices in order that they may preserve a good conscience in regard to the sacredness of the Sabbath, and especially of those who, when they are compelled to choose between giving up their only present means of support for themselves and their families and doing unnecessary work on God's day, elect to suffer rather than to sin; and Synod invokes upon them the blessing promised to those who call the Sabbath a delight and the holy of the Lord honorable. (Isa. 58, 13-14.)

Fifth.—Synod emphatically condemns the unsatiable and cruel greed of all employers who, for the sake of sordid gain, force their employees to labor seven days of the week, as being a tyrannical oppression of the laborer by unceasing toil, a grievous wrong against him and his family by depriving him of his home day, and as a sin against the souls of men by cutting the la-

borer off from attending upon the means of grace, and imperiling the salvation of the employer by bringing upon him the guilt of murdering the souls of his fellowmen. Those who continue in this sin prove themselves unworthy of the Christian name and should be cast out of the Christian Church.

Sixth.—In the name of her Divine King and Lord, who is also the Prince of the Kings of the earth, Synod protests against the desecration of the Sabbath by our civil rulers by maintaining the "Sunday mail service," by the sitting of legislative committees and the holding of sessions of Congress on the Lord's Day; and, furthermore, by the unnecessary holding of councils of war and running of factories to prepare the munitions of war, and the drilling, review and needless transportation of troops on the Sabbath. Such national sins against God's holy day will, if persisted in, inevitably bring down the righteous judgments of the Lord of the Sabbath upon our beloved country, for whose deliverance and prosperity we ever hope and pray.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. GEORGE,
C. D. TRUMBULL,
THOS. M'FALL,
WM. M'KINNEY,
T. G. DUNN,
Committee.

The following was adopted: That our people be recommended to co-operate, as far as they consistently can, with the American Sabbath Union and other similar organizations in all rightly directed efforts for the preservation of the Sabbath as a day of sacred rest.

A statement from the Treasurer of the Literary Fund was received and was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Committee on Psalmody reported. Report was received and was taken up item by item for adoption.

Report was amended, adopted, and is as follows:

Psalmody.

Since the second or third century of the Christian era what should be sung in the worship of God has been a matter of more or less controversy. Until that time the subject was very simple; all were found singing the Scriptural Psalms.

The only arbiter in the matter is the Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ.

However much might be truly said of many songs of human composition in praise of their beauty and excellence, the Christian conscience must be satisfied with nothing short of Divine authority for what is used in the worship of God. What is best suited to incite devotional feelings and give them proper expres-

sion is not the primary matter for consideration; but what is the will of God?

Saving faith is the submission of our wills to God's, and the subjection of our judgment to His.

Concerning the matter and manner of His worship the Lord has laid down a general principle to be followed by his people in all ages, places and circumstances: "What thing soever I command you, observe to do it; thou shalt not add thereto nor diminish from it." (Deut. xii., 32.)

"All power," says Christ, "is given unto me in Heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." (Matt. xxviii., 18-20.)

There are irrefragable reasons for believing that the Psalms, commonly called the Psalms of David, and they only, have been divinely authorized to be sung in the worship of God.

These Psalms are inspired, as none dispute, and hence are found in the canon of Scripture. They are lyric in structure, and consequently composed to be sung. They have been, under divine direction and superintendence, collected into one book, and hence give proof of being intended for general and continuous use.

As a historical fact, they have been used in the worship of God through all the ages of the Church, and exclusively until the Second or Third Century, A. D.

The law authorizing their use has never been repealed. The Lord has not given the Church another book of praise as a substitute. On the contrary, Christ and the Apostles used the Psalms of David exclusively in the worship of God, and Christ has, through His Apostles, given His seal to their exclusive right of use: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." (Col. iii., 16; also, Eph. v., 19.)

In connection with the singing of praise in the worship of God there has crept into the modern Church a corruption in the use of instruments of music.

It is deemed that there is no Divine authority for this innovation. In the pattern of the Tabernacle which God gave to Moses, after which he was to construct a place of worship, no mention is made of instruments of music, and in harmony with a principle now well-established that what is not commanded is forbidden, instruments of music were not introduced by Moses.

Instruments of music were introduced into the Tabernacle worship in the later years of David's life, and also into the Temple worship; but only at the plain command of God. In the reconstruction of the Church in New Testament times no mention is made of instruments of music by Christ and His Apostles in their instructions concerning the mode of worship, and New Testament history and early Church history give no evidence of

their use before the Tenth or Eleventh Century of the Christian Era.

We recommend:

1. That pastors be urged to present the subject to their congregations at least once during the year.

2. That parents be urged to continue the old practice of having their children memorize the Psalms.

ROBT. A. PADEN,
THOS. A. RUSK,
J. R. LATIMER,
Of the Committee.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, that all our people, old and young, are hereby warned to avoid all appearance of giving their approval to the use of man-made hymns and instrumental music in the worship of God.

R. M. Sommerville was instructed to issue such new editions of the Psalter as may be called for.

Committee on National Reform reported. Report was received and was laid on the table for the present.

Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Fergus Slater.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Saturday morning, 9 o'clock, June 4, 1898. Synod came to order and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Roll was called. E. M. Coleman, D. S. Anderson did not answer, but soon appeared.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read, corrected and approved.

Committee on Testimony Bearing reported. Report was received and was taken up, item by item, for adoption.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2.—It was moved to amend by striking out. Report was laid on the table for the present.

Time was extended five minutes.

Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform reported. Report was received and was referred to Committee on Finance.

Synod engaged in worship for half an hour.

Synod adjourned.

Prayer by J. R. Thompson.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Monday morning, 9 o'clock, June 6, 1898. Synod came to order and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Roll was called. E. M. Coleman, G. A. Edgar, W. Will-

son, William Reed, S. R. Wallace did not answer, but nearly all soon appeared. W. C. Allen and E. F. Sherman appeared and took their seats as members of the court.

Minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Standing Committees.

Order of Business.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
D. S. Faris,	J. W. Pritchard,
G. R. McBurney,	Robert Gilchrist.
S. M. Stevenson.	

Unfinished Business.

F. M. Foster,
J. A. Black.

Devotional Exercises.

D. C. Martin,	Jas. Campbell,
S. G. Shaw,	H. E. Morton.
J. W. Dill,	

Evangelistic Work.

A. J. McFarland, Jr.,	Robert McCrory,
R. J. Gault,	A. M. Armstrong.
J. W. F. Carlisle,	

Presbyterial Reports.

R. C. Wylie,	J. M. Elder,
W. C. Paden,	J. K. Mitchell.
Wm. McFarland.	

National Reform.

R. J. George,	Sam'l McNaughter, Sr.,
R. C. Reed,	Wm. Wilson.
Thos. Patton.	

Sabbath.

J. L. McCartney,	W. S. McAnlis,
J. F. Crozier,	S. S. Smith.
J. R. Thompson.	

Sabbath Schools.

J. S. Thompson,	Wm. Hogan,
J. S. Martin,	R. J. Allen.
R. J. McIsaac.	

Secret Societies.

A. Kilpatrick,	J. C. Phillips,
Fergus Slater,	J. H. Hunter.
P. P. Boyd.	

Systematic Beneficence.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
J. C. McFeeters,	Andrew Alexander,
W. W. Carithers,	Wilson Dougherty.
S. J. Crowe.	

Signs of the Times.

D. B. Willson,	John Hunter,
G. P. Raitt,	Wm. Reed.
T. M. Slater.	

Psalmody.

D. McAllister,	Jas. Service,
W. M. George,	W. S. Mitchell,
J. S. Duncan,	

Temperance.

T. P. Robb,	Wm. Anderson,
J. G. Reed,	J. D. Latham.
M. A. Gault.	

Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported. Report was received and was taken up, item by item, for adoption. Report was amended, adopted, and is as follows:

Systematic Beneficence.

After the able report that was submitted by your committee last year we thought that little would be accomplished by repeating the discussion. We have, therefore, taken steps to ascertain to what extent systematic beneficence is practiced throughout our Church. Our report is meagre, and, to us, unsatisfactory, for the reason that of those to whom we sent circulars of inquiry less than half took the trouble to reply. However, as we have heard from congregations in every Presbytery except the Syrian, and those responding are scattered from Cornwallis to Seattle, the statements that we make and our conclusions also may be taken as approximately true for the whole Church.

As to the percentage of tithe givers in the Church there is a wide range. In not one of our congregations has the system been adopted by all. Ramsey stands highest with 85 per cent. Then we have Bloomington with 75, Rehoboth 66, Allegheny and Kansas City 50, and several 33 and 25. At the other end of the list the figures are very small, finally vanishing altogether. Two congregations report five per cent. In one which has over two hundred members only the pastor and four elders give the tithe. Then we have had such reports as "Two families," "Only a few,' while more than one of our informants candidly acknowledges that there is none.

We asked upon what basis the tithe is reckoned. To this there is a variety of replies. Some deduct "living expenses,"

"amount paid for hired help," "interest," "cost of production," etc. A goodly majority, however, agree in tithing the increase from farm and store, shop and ranch, before anything is deducted.

Where the tithe system has not been adopted, there is no system. Upon this point the reports are unanimous.

There is no agreement among the congregations in regard to the method of gathering money, whether by subscription paper or envelopes; and there is a similar disagreement as to the number of funds for which collections are made. Where the subscription paper is used it generally secures only the pastor's salary. Other current expenses are met by special collections, in addition to those ordered by Synod. Where the envelopes have been adopted, as a rule, there is one fund to meet all home expenses, while special collections are lifted for the schemes of the Church. The congregations are about equally divided between the subscription paper and the envelope plan. A few have a combination of both. Cambridge, First Chicago and Seattle have adopted the envelope plan this year.

Good progress in the direction of liberal and systematic giving is generally reported. Bovina, Syracuse, Utica, Cedar Lake and Morning Sun are coming up to the standard of tithe giving. We found, however, only three congregational committees on systematic beneficence, such as Synod recommended last year.

Of those who replied to our circular less than half ventured upon an estimate of the annual income of their congregations. Some ignored the item altogether, others confessed themselves inadequate to the task, and one or two seemed to think this a matter in which we had no call to concern ourselves. We had reasons for requesting an estimate of congregational income. Statements have been made respecting the amount of wealth controlled by our members, and the money that should be forthcoming for the work of the Church. We wished to see if for such computations any legitimate footing could be found. We have failed. This, however, we have found—quite a number of congregations gave last year upon the estimate furnished us well up to the tenth of their income, while Wilkinsburg gave nearly, and Lisbon gave over, one-eighth. The returns show that, as a rule, our newly organized congregations have better financial methods than those that are older; and also that wherever a working system has been adopted, the results are much more satisfactory than where the matter has been left at loose ends.

Doubtless there will have to be a revolution in the business methods of many of our people, before the tithe system will be satisfactorily adapted to modern ways of living. So much the better. Lack of system keeps many poor who might with no greater effort be well off. Let system begin at the house of God, and the end will be increased satisfaction and prosperity on every side.

We recommend:

1. That while Synod trusts that our people will abound yet

more and more in the grace of systematic liberality, we commend them for their present attainments.

2. That the tithe be reckoned upon the entire net income.

3. That the envelope plan of contributing be adopted instead of the subscription paper; and that contributions be made weekly.

4. That congregations have one fund to meet all current congregational expenses, and contribute to the work of the Church in special collections.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL G. SHAW,
P. J. M'DONALD,
S. M. STEVENSON,
J. A. M'ATEER,
WILLIAM ANDERSON,
Committee,

Report of Committee on National Reform was taken from the table and was taken up, item by item, for adoption.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was referred to the Special Committee to report resolutions on the war with Spain.

Item 3 was referred to a Special Committee to report at next Synod.

Item 4 was referred to Committee on Finance.

Report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

National Reform.

The need of reform in our nation is great. This Government is not founded on a rock; for its constitution is entirely secular, recognizing neither God, the Author of civil government, nor Jesus Christ, the Ruler of Nations, nor their law as a guide in civil affairs. The superstructure of government is also sadly at fault. It licenses the liquor traffic and protects 200,000 saloons in their work of debauching and murdering its citizens; inciting to crime, wasting our national resources and destroying souls. Many forms of Sabbath desecration are according to law. On the day of rest 150,000 men and women are employed in the United States mail service; 15,000 mail trains are run by the Government and many thousands of freight and passenger trains are permitted to thunder defiance at the fourth commandment, and other gross forms of Sabbath desecration are in various parts allowed. The family is broken by the twenty-five unscriptural grounds of divorce, recognized in the laws of the several States. The great political parties refuse to recognize moral issues. Vile men are exalted to office, and the wicked walk on every side.

We have high authority for this reform work. Our Lord's command is to "go and teach all nations;" to "preach the Gospel to every creature." The nation is a moral creature, which

may prosper or fail, be saved or lost, according as it accepts or rejects the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Saviour of individuals and nations. The prophets of old were national reformers; so should their successors, Gospel ministers, also be. Like the apostles, we are to stand before kings. This message of God to governments, "Kiss the Son," it is our duty as His servants to deliver.

This is a work of vast importance. While not undervaluing other departments of the church's work, we should attach due importance to this. If Jesus crucified be the right hand of the Gospel, Jesus crowned is the other hand. Continued and increased national prosperity depends on the success of this movement. Both Scripture and profane history teach that nations which forget God, perish, but that "righteousness exalteth a nation." Zeal in this work is therefore the highest form of patriotism. It is calculated to greatly advance the kingdom of God in the hearts of men, for ungodly civil government is a great barrier to the salvation of souls.

There are various ways by which we may seek to further this reform. In our prayers we should give a prominent place to the petition, "Thy kingdom come." In a covenant not to be forgotten, we have pledged ourselves to pray, as well as labor, "for the peace and welfare of our country, and for its reformation by a constitutional recognition of God as the source of all power, of Jesus Christ as Ruler of Nations, of the Holy Scriptures as the Supreme Rule." Let us, therefore, who make mention of the Lord, never hold our peace day nor night, till our land shall be called Beulah. We may labor for this reformation by writing, distribution of reform literature, preaching, teaching, lecturing, holding conventions and institutes. We may aid the work by our gifts, by ourselves living as peaceable, law-abiding citizens, and by courageous, consistent dissent from all immorality in politics.

We have reasons to be encouraged in this great work. Good seed has been sown, and the blade already appears. Thirty-five years ago this Christian political sentiment was little held outside the Covenanter Church. But in recent years books on the subject have been published. The *Christian Statesman* has entered thousands of homes and made many friends to the cause. Lecturers have gone up and down through the land proclaiming the doctrine of the Kingship of Christ. Advocates of the cause are to be found in every evangelical denomination. It has been twice presented to Congress, and has some advocates there. In one recent thanksgiving proclamation Christ has been recognized. Forty-three out of forty-five State constitutions recognize God. The nation is to-day in a better condition morally than ever before. We must not become impatient because the full corn in the ear does not at once appear. Abolitionists labored long for the downfall of American slavery. At length it suddenly fell, and great was the fall of it. May we not believe that a nation shall be born at once? The fulfillment of prophecy

is certain. "The saints shall take the kingdom." Christ "shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth . . . Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him and all nations shall serve Him."

In regard to the work done the past year, those in the best position to know believe that the year has been one of growing interest and increased activity in the work. Dr. H. H. George has been in the lecture field during the year.

Three conventions have been held under the direction of Dr. George. One in Columbus, O., where a state organization was effected; a national convention in Philadelphia in December, full of lively interest and burning enthusiasm.

A third successful convention was held in Connersville, Ind.

Mrs. George has given assistance, addressing W. C. T. Us. and other assemblies.

Dr. T. P. Stevenson, besides other labors, has delivered twelve lectures on the political philosophy of the Bible in the various colleges and theological seminaries.

J. R. Dill has conducted in various places twenty-one reform institutes, averaging six meetings each, giving the opportunity to discuss, before many thousands of people, the cardinal reforms.

In certain quarters of the church some have done much in the way of disseminating reform principles. A training school for National Reform Workers has been arranged for at Beaver Falls in July to continue two weeks.

Let us each call ourselves to account for any personal neglect of helping to save our country, of which we may have been guilty. If we have earnestly labored for the reformation of our government we have honored Christ. We need never be ashamed of having helped to put the nations under His feet. Let there be no lagging of zeal in this great cause. Let us hasten with the work at this most opportune time, and while the nation is being weighed in God's balance, lest its day of grace should soon be past.

We recommend that all assist the work, as far as possible, in the various ways suggested above.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES PATTON,
W. M. GLASGOW,
JOHN HUNTER,
Of the Committee.

Report of Committee on Testimony Bearing was taken from the table.

Discussion on striking out Item 2 was resumed.

Motion to strike out was lost.

Item 2 was adopted.

Item 3 was referred to Finance Committee.

Item 4 was adopted.

Report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Testimony Bearing.

The Committee on Testimony Bearing would respectfully report that their work has been carried on during the past year along the same lines as heretofore, and in general with about the same measure of acceptance. No new tracts have been issued, but the stock of most of those published in former years has been kept up, and those who have sent for them have been promptly supplied. Tracts on lines of general reform, as on temperance, the Sabbath, secret societies and on divorce, we have not published, except when ordered by this Synod, because there is abundance of literature on these subjects which may be secured at small cost from associations having these objects as their special charge.

The work of distributing literature we consider very important. We are pleased when we find any one taking an interest in supplying his neighbors with arguments for Christ's cause, and are glad to supply him with the means so to do. It is true that in the great majority of cases no reply is made to the tracts sent, it may even be true that in many cases they are not read, and even when read without the living presence to enforce them, they may not be very effective, yet the great number that may be sent out at small cost, and sent directly into the hands of those who should read them, are strong reasons why we should not become weary in this work. The burden of responsibility is in some measure shifted from the sender to the receiver, and men are given an opportunity to know the truth.

The Rev. Dr. A. J. McFarland, Synod's agent in this work, has diligently followed up his work of preceding years, and still finds open doors and hearing ears. His work is an arduous one and should be followed by the prayers of all our people. In reaching his final conclusion he must present the whole scope of the Christian principles in political life for which we stand, and therefore has a great subject to handle. And unless where men have heard and rejected the testimony which we bear, or worldliness has gained such a hold that all radical truth is held at a distance, our message seems to gain a ready attention, and, in general, produces marked effects. It is based so immediately upon faith and strikes so directly into practice that few hearers remain indifferent. The Lord Jesus Christ and His royal claims on the consecration of His people, this is a theme to awaken the listless hearer of the Gospel. Christ's sacrifice for us is a broad basis on which to call His disciples to self-sacrifice for Him. Citizenship in Christ's kingdom, when its obligations are rightly understood, incites to a higher kind of citizenship in our own land than most Christians have been thinking of. It inspires a patriotism that will strive to make our country what she should be rather than to a self-satisfied allegiance to what she is. True

and spiritually minded believers hearing this message begin to feel that both Christ and their country demand some better thing from them than to swear to carry on our government according to a law that leaves out Christ and to dwell at ease in the midst of prevailing sin. Even those who do not fully accept our message often say: "This preaching cannot but do good."

The people of the Church have supported our work liberally during the past year. Total contributions, $2,095.61; balance in the treasury, $892.85.

We submit the following recommendations:

1. That Dr. A. J. McFarland be re-elected to continue this work.

2. That the interest of the Church in this work, the needs of our times and the open door, all unite in calling for an enlargement of the work, and that, therefore, the Synod should appoint a second laborer to this field.

3. Believing that the welfare of our Church in God's Providence lies in great part in the energetic presentation of her testimony to the world, we recommend that all our ministers and members take a deep, active and prayerful interest in the prosecution of this work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. COLEMAN,
R. J. GAULT,
O. WYLIE,
JOHN T. MORTON.

The nomination of additional laborer, in the Testimony Bearing work, and the matter of his salary, were referred to Committee on Testimony Bearing, to report at this meeting of Synod.

Special Committee on Changes in Rules of Procedure reported.

Report was received and was laid on the table for the present.

Synod engaged in worship for half an hour.

Synod took recess until 2 o'clock.

Prayer by W. C. Paden.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 o'clock, Synod came to order and was opened with prayer by E. F. Sherman.

Roll was called.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Commitee on Missions reported.

Report was received and was taken up item by item for adoption. The Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Board, mis-

sionaries from the field and representatives of boards and missions were heard.

The report was adopted and is as follows:

Missions.

Your committee would respectfully report: There were referred to us the following papers:

1. Report of the Foreign Mission Board.
2. Report of the Central Board of Missions.
3. Report of the Conference on Missions.
4. Reports of Missions to the Jews.
5. Paper of Rev. N. R. Johnston with reference to helpers in Chinese missions.
6. The hearing of Rev. R. J. McIsaac as to the enlargement of the industrial school in connection with the Southern Mission.

A careful perusal of the reports of the Mission Boards show that the duties of the members, and especially of the officers, are arduous, requiring large expenditures of time and strength, yet they are faithfully and diligently performed without remuneration and without complaint. These reports also show that the missionaries in all the fields are putting forth their best efforts to lead those who are sitting in darkness into the light of life, and that they are meeting with encouraging success.

There are thirteen missionaries in the Syrian, Tarsus and Cyprus mission force, four of whom are ministers, three physicians and six women—all in the field to-day except one minister —Rev. Jas. S. Stewart—who is taking a well-earned rest, and S. A. S. Metheny, M. D., who has been granted a furlough that he may regain his health, both of whom are with us to-day. The only change in the working force since our last meeting is that Rev. David Metheny, M. D., has entered into rest, and the vacant place has been filled by the appointment of Rev. R. J. Dodds, who is well qualified in every way for the work. There is great need of additional laborers, especially in the Syrian field. The laborers now there are overburdened. Should any of them fall by the way there are none in preparation to take up the work. The continuance of the work demands the re-enforcement of the mission at the earliest possible hour.

Our missionaries in China have begun their work, and are hopeful of success. The time has come when suitable buildings should be provided and a medical missionary should be sent out. The means for the buildings are in sight. Synod should take steps to provide a physician for that field.

The report of the Central Board shows that the missions under their care are making progress. The most pressing need of the Southern Mission seems to be ways and means to develop the energies of the scholars in industrial pursuits, so that when they pass out of the schools they may become useful and self-supporting citizens.

No special requests are made by the Indian Mission. This prosperous mission deserves, and will no doubt receive, the continued support of the Church.

There is a call for a Superintendent of the Chinese Mission in Oakland, California, to take the place of Mrs. Johnston, who desires to be relieved from the burden of the work. In this connection we ask the attention of Synod to the fact that the Central Board has not appointed a missionary to the Pacific coast, but have referred the matter back to Synod.

The missions to the Jews in Philadelphia and Cincinnati have been conducted during the past year by the Presbyteries to which they were referred.

The work in Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Topeka, Denver and other important centres is being prosecuted with great earnestness. The laborers are faithful and self-denying and deserve the liberal support of the Church.

The great need of most of our missions is means to carry forward the work. This is specially true of the Syrian, Southern and Domestic Missions. The overdraft of the Syrian Mission, is $10,260, being $785 greater than one year ago. The treasuries of other missions are also overdrawn. Your committee believe that the reason for this is not so much lack of means on the part of members of the Church as lack of consecration. If all would bring the tithes into the storehouse the treasury of the Lord would be full.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following:

1. That we gratefully recognize the faithful and self-denying labors of the boards and of all the missionaries.

2. That in view of the manifest need of an ordained minister and of a lady teacher in the Syrian mission, and of a physician in the mission in China, the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to send out such laborers as soon as they can be secured and the funds supplied.

3. That the question of educating Christian Chinamen to be helpers in mission work be referred to the same Board.

4. With reference to the appointment of a Corresponding and Field Secretary to devote his whole time to the administration of the work of foreign missions we recommend no action at the present time.

5. That we appoint Andrew Alexander, R. M. Sommerville, T. P. Stevenson, F. M. Foster and Walter T. Miller as representatives of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the Ecumenical Missionary Conference to be held in New York City the last ten days of April, 1900.

6. That the devising of ways and means to develop the energies of scholars in the Southern Mission in industrial pursuits be referred to the Central Board of Missions.

7. That in view of the great commission given by Christ to the Church, in view of covenant obligations resting upon us, and in view of our accountability as stewards, Synod calls upon all

the people under its care to consecrate themselves anew to the cause of missions and to bring the tithes into the storehouse that God may bless us and the ends of the earth may fear His name.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. TRUMBULL,
W. J. McKNIGHT,
C. McLEOD SMITH,
W. M. WYLIE,
C. H. STORMONT.

Report of Foreign Mission Board.

A shadow rests upon our Foreign Missions to-day. When the Church, 42 years ago, sent two ministers to Syria as its representatives, the work was entered upon with great enthusiasm. It marked the dawn of better times. The letters, received regularly from the messengers who had gone forth, awakened the liveliest interest. The people were eager to sustain an enterprise that promised large results abroad, and at the same time was bringing new life and prosperity to themselves at home. More laborers were called for, and up to this hour there have been commissioned to service in Syria and the adjacent fields, in addition to the two pioneers, eleven men and twelve women, not including wives of missionaries. Four ministers and one physician have fallen at their post, three women have been married to missionaries in other fields, and three families, for widely different reasons, have permanently withdrawn from the work. The present working force consists of four ministers, three physicians and six women, a force altogether inadequate to the demands of the hour, but larger than the home churches seem inclined to support.

The shadow that rests upon the Foreign Missions is the seeming indifference of a people in formal covenant with God, and avowedly "dedicated to the great work of making known His light and salvation among the nations." Twelve months ago the Treasurer reported an overdraft of $9,475. In less than six months the debt had grown to nearly $16,000. A circular was addressed to every pastor and a representative in every vacant congregation, setting forth the financial condition and claims of the Missions. The letter was not an appeal for money, but a simple request that the minister or elder, into whose hands it came, would present the facts it contained to the people under his charge in the way that, in his own judgment, would be most likely to secure the desired result. This plan was taken under a conviction that no human force is so mighty to stir the hearts of men and women as the living voice of a trusted pastor. The result, however, is far from satisfactory. The congregational collections showed a nominal increase of nearly $1,500. We say nominal, because that increase is, to our personal knowledge, from a very few churches, while in some places there must have

been a falling off. The total receipts, including $547 contributed specially for the reduction of the debt, are $2,028 over those of the previous year; the total expenditures are $2,892 less than those of the previous year, and still the disbursements exceed the receipts from all sources by $784, which added to the debt reported at the last meeting of Synod, makes a present overdraft of $10,260. Is this the measure of our loyalty to Jesus Christ?

One is almost ready, in view of this financial statement, to hear it said that the Lord has so completely withdrawn His favor that the laborers have accomplished nothing. On the contrary, the detailed statements of the missionaries, which will be published with this report and should be carefully examined, indicate that there are doors of opportunity opening which they cannot enter, souls seeking instruction which they cannot teach, and desires stirring in their own hearts which they cannot satisfy.

SYRIA.—In Syria there are 190 native communicants, 22 received last year on profession of faith, and 2 restored to privileges. In Suadia at the north, Latakia in the center, and Tartoos, where Licentiate Juraidiny continues to reside with his family, at the south, the gospel of Christ, heard from the lips and seen in the character of His consecrated followers, is, as it always has been. the power of God unto salvation. These three centers of Christian activity, planted on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, nearly equally distant from each other, perhaps fifty miles apart, are as springs out of which are constantly flowing streams of living water, that carry life, healing, refreshment, fertility and beauty in their course. One agency of which the missionaries are making effective use is Bible Readers. Two are regularly employed in Suadia. At Bahamra and Gunaimia, where there are 27 and 55 communicants, but where the Turkish authorities will not yet allow the re-opening of schools, men are stationed who conduct religious services every Lord's Day and during the week as they have opportunity. In this way, and through the agency of Sabbath Schools and meetings for the special instruction of women, many are brought into contact with the truth who would not otherwise hear of the Saviour. Rev. J. Boggs Dodds, who is never satisfied with the superficial, indicates, as encouraging features in his work, a manifest growth in the religious life of the converts, a spirit of inquiry leading many to visit him for distinctively religious conversation, general unrest, and dissatisfaction with the false religions and superstitions of the Orient.

During the absence of Rev. Jas. S. Stewart, who is in this country on furlough, after nearly ten consecutive years of faithful service, the licentiates will occupy Latakia pulpit under the direction of the Session, and Mr. Stewart, as missionary-pastor of that center, will arrange with the brethren in other fields to administer the Lord's Supper at such times as may suit their convenience, and render any other service that may require the pres-

ence of an ordained minister. This arrangement will meet the case so long as Dr. Balph is on the ground, where he can exercise, at Mr. Stewart's request, a general supervision. The efficiency of the service demands the appointment of another ordained minister, to be stationed at this center.

The total attendance at the week-day schools in this field was 495, of whom 197 were girls and 298 boys. One hundred and thirty-three of the pupils were in boarding schools, which are as Christian homes to the children and youth under instruction there. Miss Maggie B. Edgar will have responsible charge of the Boys' School while Mr. Stewart is absent. She was employed in Suadia as substitute for Miss Cunningham, on furlough in England. But the departure of Mr. Stewart a month earlier than was originally intended, rendered it necessary to recall her to Latakia, and consequently close the Girls' School in Suadia Center till Miss Cunningham should return in the autumn. It was not pleasant for Mr. Dodds to lose her assistance, and have one department of the work interrupted even for a few months. But as a choice had to be made between a school of 27 and a school of 164, it was not difficult to reach a decision. To meet similar cases, or to take the place of the teacher in charge whom sudden illness may lay aside temporarily, there should be another woman appointed to this field.

The hospital established by our medical missionary in Latakia has greatly increased his labors, but he believes that, like similar institutions in other countries, it will be an effective agency in reaching men with the truth. There were 80 patients under treatment during the year. Dr. Balph has the assistance of Miss Willia Dodds, who acts as matron and nurse, and their aim is to preach Christ to all who are thus brought under their influence.

ASIA MINOR.—The work in Asia Minor has suffered a severe loss in the removal of Rev. David Metheny, M. D., who, after years of feeble health and many weary weeks of complete prostration, finished his course June 4, 1897. Dr. Metheny had been in the service of the Church for nearly thirty-three years. A man of fine natural ability, a sympathetic and skillful physician, an earnest minister of the gospel, he laid all his talents at the feet of his Divine Master, and was for His sake in labors very abundant. Soon after his death Rev. R. J. Dodds expressed a strong desire to be re-appointed to the service from which he had resigned a few months previously. His offer was gladly accepted, and, as soon as arrangements could be made for his departure, he was on the way to the field. He left early in October, and on his arrival at Mersina received a cordial welcome from missionaries and people who had been praying for his return. In Dr. S. A. S. Metheny he found a congenial associate, and they have been laboring together with great earnestness and fidelity for the spread of the truth. Many have thus heard the Word, and are seeking fellowship with the people of God. There are now 41 names on the roll of native communicants.

We regret that Dr. Metheny, owing to repeated attacks of fever, has had to give up work for a time. At his request he has been granted leave of absence to travel for a few months at his own expense. As he is at present in America, he will probably have something to say to his friends about his effort to establish a hospital in Mersina. The enterprise received the indorsement of Synod at its last meeting, and he was commended to the liberality of the Church. But at the suggestion of the Board, in view of the condition of the treasury, he has not yet made any public appeal for special contributions.

The school work in this field is in charge of Miss Sterrett and Miss McNaughton, formerly of Latakia, who was appointed to the vacancy created by the marriage of Miss Jennie B. Dodds, now Mrs. Kennedy, of Antioch, and entered upon her duties in September, 1897. There were 116 pupils in attendance during the year—68 boys and 48 girls. In the absence of Miss Sterrett, who will leave on a visit to this country at the close of the school year, Miss McNaughton will be alone. Here is another illustration of the need of a supernumerary. The very life of each of the Boarding Schools depends, humanly speaking, upon the health and strength of one woman, who is liable to collapse at any time under the pressure of overwork. Consecration does not mean physical endurance.

CYPRUS.—The work on the island of Cyprus has many interesting and encouraging features. Nothing could be more cheering than the hearty co-operation of the British and Foreign Bible Society, which has made a grant of £50 towards the salaries of two men directly employed by the Mission, one having his headquarters at Famagusta in the northeast, and the other in Limasol in the south. At the request of an English colony of liberal supporters, the agent of the Society retains direct supervision of the colporteur in Nicosia, the capital of the island. But even he will make his reports and receive his supply of books through our Mission. This system of colportage covers the whole island. Mr. Van Milligan, the President of the Ottoman Bank, a Scotch Presbyterian, resident in Nicosia, has taken a deep interest in the work from the beginning, and has secured enough money from friends in Britain to pay the salary of an evangelist and the rent of a house for Sabbath services and a school. Twice Mr. Easson received from Mr. Foster Green, a member of the Society of Friends, through Rev. Dr. Lynd, of Belfast, Ireland, £10 towards the Armenian Relief Fund. In September he was cheered by a letter from Prof. G. Godet, of Neuchatel, Switzerland, with a check for the equivalent of $200. "I am much obliged," wrote Mr. Godet, "for your letter of Sept. 13, which came to hand the same day that we had a sitting of our Committee. We decided at once to send you the sum of 1,000 francs to help you in your work among the Armenian refugees in Cyprus. I wish we were able to send you more, but our work in Armenia, especially for the orphans, of which over 500 are kept

with Swiss money, is too extended to allow us to scatter our resources too far, and obliges us to be careful how we spend. However, I hope the sum, though small, may be an encouragement to you, and help you to supply a few needy ones during the winter. We feel a keen interest in your mission work, and wish it all success with God's blessing." These offerings, as well as the contributions from friends in America, have been very judiciously expended. The money has not been given away in charity, but paid out in wages to the poor people for labor on the Mission lot and building. It has thus served a double purpose. At least $500 will be needed to complete this house, and all contributing to this object will not only help to provide a home for the missionary and his wife, but at the same time feed starving men with wives and children dependent on their day labor for the bare necessaries of life.

At Larnaca there is preaching every Sabbath in three or four languages, and a Sabbath School. The Psalms are being translated into Greek and Turkish for these services, which are well attended. Ninety were present at the Armenian Protestant prayer-meeting on Thursday evening, when Mr. Easson had agreed to discuss the distinctive principles of our Church. Among the Protestant Armenians who have fled from persecution to the island are some who were teachers in the Congregational Church of Asia Minor. One who is employed by the Mission had been a preacher and pastor in Marash and its vicinity for thirty years. Naturally these brethren will seek fellowship with the Church in Cyprus at the earliest opportunity.

In addition to the school that was opened at the beginning of the work, the missionaries have started a self-supporting school with good prospect of success. At last accounts there were 35 names on the roll, and money in hand to meet all expenses for the month.

In the absence of any official statement from Dr. Moore, we can only report largely attended clinics, at which he always conducts devotional exercises, and receipts from his practice so large as to justify the expectation that this department will, with the Divine blessing, soon be self-supporting. The missionaries seem to have won the good-will of the people, and do not look for any decided opposition except from the Greek priests, who, so far, are silent and not likely to exert much influence.

CHINA.—No formal statement has been received from the brethren in China, but the regular correspondence indicates that missionary work has begun in good earnest. Tak Hing, a port of call on the West River, about 150 miles west of Canton, has been chosen as the center of operations. As already reported, this city, of about 50,000 inhabitants, is entirely unoccupied territory, and within easy reach of many points where no evangelistic work of any kind is being done. A place has been rented for a chapel. The audiences vary from 100 to 150 every day, though, as they are constantly coming and going, there may never be

more than 60 present at one time, and often only a few. There are some who come to the preaching nearly every day, and listen with much attention and many emphatic nods of approval. In some instances, persecution at home has not prevailed to keep them away. There are many things which indicate that the land shall not be possessed without a struggle. "That," writes Mr. Robb, "is good. We want friends. Next to them we need foes. But spare us from indifference. What we want is to excite discussion and examination. If we succeed, the future is ours."

The present need of this new enterprise is a physician and suitable buildings. Until these are provided the missionaries will not take their families to Tak Hing, as they could not live in the Chinese houses, which are constructed without any regard to health. For the present, they will make their headquarters in Kowloon, Hong Kong, remaining on the field month about. The land needed, if in the market, will not cost much more than $200 in gold, and suitable buildings can be erected for about $2,000 in gold. The first offering for this purpose is a generous one of $200 from the Chinese Covenanter Mission in Oakland, Cal. A few smaller contributions have been received and nearly $1,000 from the sale of part of the Illinois property donated by Mr. Henry Martin, of Cincinnati, O., for the benefit of the work in China. It will be easy for the friends of the Mission to raise the balance.

In this brief review of our foreign missionary work, read in connection with the fuller statements from the fields, the churches will find complete information in regard to its condition and claims.

JAMES KENNEDY.—The Board has recorded on its minutes the death of Rev. James Kennedy, D. D., on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1898. He was appointed one of its members in 1884, and was for six years its honored and beloved president. To this branch of the Church's service he brought mental endowments of a high order and a heart thoroughly devoted to the Divine Master. His interest in the work intrusted to the administration of the Board was seen in the regularity with which he attended its meetings, and the wise suggestions which he invariably made when questions affecting the management and progress of the work were under discussion. A man of deep religious experience, his prayers for the missionaries and their converts and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom were peculiarly impressive and inspiring. Dr. Kennedy, a faithful, studious, noble man of God, has been called to rest from his labors and has passed from our sight. But the remembrance of a saintly character remains with us as a beautiful afterglow upon the hills when the sun has gone down.

BEATTIE FAMILY FUND.—The Board also reports in regard to the Beattie Family Fund that the youngest child having reached his majority, the balance of $2,177.75 was distributed last winter on a scale of proportion that gave satisfaction to every member of the family.

ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.—One other matter: For several years representatives of the Foreign Mission Boards and Societies in the United States and Canada have been accustomed to meet annually for the discussion of questions relating to the administration of missionary affairs. At a recent meeting it was agreed to hold an Ecumenical Missionary Conference in New York City the last ten days of April, 1900, and arrangements for that great gathering are in progress. Our Board has nominated Andrew Alexander, President; F. M. Foster, Recording Secretary; Walter T. Miller, Treasurer; T. P. Stevenson, and the Corresponding Secretary to represent the Reformed Presbyterian Church at that Conference, and asks Synod's approval of these nominations.

Respectfully submitted,
In the name of the Board,
R. M. SOMMERVILLE,
Cor. Secretary.

Supplemental Report of Foreign Board.

At a meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions, subsequent to the passing of the annual report, the following action was taken after long and thoughtful conference:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Board the efficiency of our Foreign Missions demands the appointment of a man who shall devote his whole time to the administration of the work under the direction of the Board as its Corresponding and Field Secretary, and the Board requests Synod to take the matter into consideration at the present meeting.

Report of the Central Board of Missions.

The Central Board of Missions respectfully reports:

We are glad to be able to state that our work in all departments is in a prosperous condition. The only drawback has been lack of funds. We call the attention of Synod to the necessity for taking steps to secure a more liberal support of the different missions entrusted to our care, if we are to carry on the work on the scale on which it is now conducted.

Domestic Mission.—The followinng congregations were placed or allowed to remain under our care by Synod at its last meeting, viz., Chicago, Denver, Mansfield, St. Louis, Topeka and Wahoo.

Chicago.—Mr. C. McCleod Smith continued to labor in this city until the opening of the seminary, when Mr. Wylie again took up the work. The congregation now numbers 40. During the year there was an accession of eleven. The contributions amounted to about $500. The attendance at the Sabbath School was 60 and at the Young People's Society 20. The hall where services are held is in the south side of the city, the majority of

our members living within convenient distance. A church building is needed.

Denver.—The congregation numbers 50, Sabbath School 100, three-fifths of whom are mission scholars, and the Young People's Society 25. The finances are in good condition, and the prospects for growth are reasonably encouraging.

Mansfield.—Mr. Benaugh continued to labor here until the close of March, when he resigned to obtain needed rest abroad. During the summer he was unable to continue his work for several weeks on account of sickness, but secured supplies, so that the congregation had regular preaching. Messrs. D. O. Jack and M. M. Pearce, licentiates, supplied, by our appointment, six Sabbaths in April and May. The congregation numbers 51. There are a Sabbath School of about 45 and a Young People's Society of 20.

St. Louis.—At our meeting Sept. 15, Mr. Dodds resigned in order to accept the appointment of the Foreign Board to Mersina. During the month of October Rev. G. P. Raitt labored in this city, and November Rev. J. C. K. Faris. Since then the Board has made no appointments, as the congregation had accumulated a debt for the payment of preaching which it wished to meet. They received supplies from Illinois Presbytery. The membership is about 30.

Wahoo.—Rev. W. C. Paden continues to labor here to the entire satisfaction of the congregation. There are 49 members. The Sabbath School has an attendance of 51 and the Young People's Society of 15.

Topeka.—Dr. McClurkin is still in charge of this congregation, laboring with acceptance. The membership is 49. The Sabbath School numbers 67.

Kansas City, Seattle and Kent, Monongahela and McKeesport still receive supplements from the Board. That to Washington congregation expired on the last day of June.

The future action of the Board with reference to all the congregations under our care during the past year, except Kansas City, McKeesport and Monongahela, Seattle and Kent, will depend on the action of the Missionary Conference and Synod.

We were able to pay only 50 per cent. of the amount appropriated by Synod to the different Presbyteries. The following statement will show the condition of our treasury:

RECEIPTS.

From congregations	$1,792.97
From dividends	1,831.93
From bequests and other sources	4,394.55
Total	$8,019.45

EXPENDITURES.

Balance overdrawn	$599.31	
Expenditures	7,599.40	$8,198.71
Balance overdrawn		$179.26

We ask for this mission, $6,000.

Southern Mission.—At the advice of the Selma Board of Health the opening of the school was deferred two weeks. After it had been in operation a short time yellow fever broke out in the city, so that it was necessary to close again. Nearly four weeks of time were lost. This was partly made up by giving only two days' vacation in the holidays. The fear of the fever and the smallpox, which subsequently broke out in the city, kept the attendance lower than it otherwise would have been. It averaged 355. The total receipts from the school were $650.60. Considering the interruptions, this is very gratifying. The amount on hand is $169.67. The teachers in the school are Miss Margaret McCartney, Miss Lillian Hobbie, Miss Rachel E. Pollock, in place of Miss Mary J. George, who declined re-appointment; Miss Sophia Kingston and Mrs. G. M. Simms. In addition to these, Miss Kate Woods, a graduate of the school, had charge of the girls' sewing department in the forenoon and assisted in some of the other rooms in the afternoons; and since the holidays Miss Lulu Hunt, a last year's graduate, assisted Mrs. Simms in room No. 1. Mr. McLaury had charge of the boys' workshop during the forenoons, and spent the afternoons teaching classes from the fifth and sixth grades. The boys, under his direction, have made tables, benches, bicycle racks and other articles for sale, and thus a good part of the expense of this department has been met. Mr. Phillips is still in charge of Valley Creek school, and Mr. Pickens, of Pleasant Grove. The enrollment in the former was 60 and in the latter 45. There will be held in each of these a summer session of about two months, which will make up for the winter session, which was unusually short this year. The attendance at the Pleasant Grove Sabbath School was 40, Valley Camp from 40 to 50, and at Pine Grove, which is under the charge of Mr. McLaury, of 30.

The condition of the congregation is about as it was last year. The Lord's Supper was twice dispensed. The membership is about 126. The finances are in good shape, the total receipts being $518.75. Notwithstanding the satisfactory condition of this mission, the excellent work done, it has not received the financial support it deserved, as the following exhibit will show:

RECEIPTS.

Balance	$499.54
Receipts from congregations	1,629.66
Receipts from dividends	226.81
Receipts from bequests and other sources	1,812.88
Total	$4,168.89
Expenditures	4,640.80
Balance overdrawn	$471.91

We ask for this mission $5,000.

Indian Mission.—"The work at the mission has been carried on in the same line as has proved successful in the past." With the exception of Miss Mary L. Staley, who takes the place of Miss

Kate McBurney, resigned, the force is the same as last year. Miss Alice Carithers has been appointed field matron. She will visit the Indian families within a radius of about twenty miles, instruct them in religious and other duties and endeavor to elevate the home life. This change necessitates the employment of another to take her place in the school. Mr. Carithers writes that "the work of all employed at the mission has been painstaking, conscientious and faithful. The school was filled without difficulty, and was crowded throughout the year. Fifty-five were enrolled, but fifty-two were the most in the school at any one time."

SUMMARY OF CACHE CREEK MISSION.

1897-1898.

Total enrollment	55
Total days attendance	14,396
Questions Shorter Catechism committed	1,701
Bible verses committed	6,994
Largest number of verses committed by one scholar	528
Penny collection	$49

Whole school read in the Bible from Isa. I to I Pet. I. Room B also read the entire New Testament and Gospel by John three times.

The entire Testimony was reviewed by the school.

By appointment of the Board, Rev. C. D. Trumbull visited the mission and assisted at the communion on the second Sabbath of April. "Preaching services," he writes, "were held four days, as in our organized congregations. About two hundred and fifty Indians, who had come from three to thirty miles, were camped around the mission premises, and remained through all the services. The most of these were in attendance at every service. Every seat in the church was occupied. Part of the time some were seated on the floor. The adults were quiet and orderly, and quite a number of them were evidently very much impressed. There were seventy-four communicants, of whom fifty were Indians." Twenty-one united with the church, two of whom were white, from the Oklahoma Colony. Seven Indian children were baptized.

Of these Indian converts, Mr. Carithers writes: "Their progress in past years has been quite good. None of their number during the year have fallen into sins that required any discipline, and any inclination toward a wrong action was easily checked by a single word of warning. There has been a tendency on the part of the church members to go to work, and also to add to the conveniences in and around the home, to lighten the burdens of the women, and in many ways to bring the home life more in accord with the Bible rule. The attendance at services throughout the year has been good." These have been kept up regularly at Lime Creek, twelve miles distant, and at the mission. They are held at the former place at 11 a. m. and at the latter at 3 p. m.

Needed repairs were made on the buildings this year. Two new ones were erected—one for laundry and other purposes at

the mission, and a small portable one at Lime Creek, on land belonging to an Indian, and intended for a lodging house for the one who preaches there.

The mission has been encouraged and helped by kind friends who visited it and by congregations, societies and individuals in various parts of the church, who have forwarded for its use articles which were much needed, thus helping the work and lightening the burden of those whose strength was being taxed.

The Woman's Pittsburgh Presbyterian Missionary Society still continues to manifest a deep interest in the mission. Not only has it paid the salary of Mr. Carithers from the first, but, in addition, that of Miss Speer. As the surplus in tne hands of its treasurer has become exhausted, it feels unable to do more than its original proposition calls for, so that hereafter all the expense for carrying on the work, with the exception of the salary of our missionary, will be borne by the Board.

Mr. Carithers expects to visit the church during the summer. The work will go on as usual, Mr. J. K. Robb, licentiate, taking his place during his absence.

RECEIPTS.

Balance	$1,928.16
Receipts from congregations	1,009.30
From other sources	1,501.44
Total	$4,438.90
Expenditures	2,607.70
On hand	$1,831.20

We ask for this mission $2,000.

At the meeting of the Board May 18, an order was given in arrears for $846.59, which should be included in last year's expenditures, leaving on hand a balance of $984.61.

Chinese Mission.—At our meeting on the 21st of June Mr. Wilson resigned as Superintendent of the mission, and Mrs. Johnston was appointed in his place. She has proved herself to be well fitted for the position, and under her supervision the mission has prospered. During the year there were employed, in addition to Mrs. Johnston, Miss Trimble, Miss S. C. Boreland, Miss Grace Johnston and Lu Yan. Miss Johnston and Lu Yan are still in our employ. The latter acts as teacher and interpreter.

The number of pupile enrolled was 42; average attendance, 20.34. Total nights of teaching, 197.

Mrs. Johnston writes that the pupils have "made much advancement, both in secular and religious education. They are kind, well behaved, industrious and orderly young men. They are loyal to the school and faithful in the performance of all religious services. Prayer meetings and all Sabbath services are well attended."

The number of Chinese members of the church is 25. During the past year 11 were baptized. Rev. N. R. Johnston has preached

regularly during the year at the mission, and, unaided, dispensed the communion. As a recognition of unrequited services rendered, the Board appropriated to him $150 out of the mission funds.

There were contributed for mission purposes $251.25, of which $200 are for chapel in China and $268.55 for Oakland mission purposes. Mrs. Johnston feels that the supervision of the work is too much for her, and hopes an arrangement will be made at Synod by which she will be entirely relieved. Item No. 3 in the Report of the Committee on Missions relating to the appointment of an ordained minister to the Pacific Coast, and referred to us, is referred back to Synod for action.

RECEIPTS.

Balance	$2,339.96
Receipts from congregations	19.29
Receipts from dividends	6.00
Receipts from bequests and other sources	142.82
Total	$2,502.07
Expenditures	1,223.08
Balance	$1,278.99

We do not make any recommendation for an appropriation, as this will depend on the action of Synod.

Jewish Mission.—We have carried out the direction of Synod with reference to the missions in Cincinnati and Philadelphia, forwarding the moneys contributed to the treasurers as needed.

Balance	$553.15
Receipts from congregations	605.02
Receipts from other sources	445.47
Total	$1,603.64
Expenditures	1,273.68
Balance	$329.96

Rev. J. W. Sproull was appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. SPROULL, Chairman.
A. C. COULTER, Sec'y.
W. J. COLEMAN, Cor. Sec'y.

Report of the Conference on Missions.

The Mission Conference met according to appointment of Synod in the Walton Reformed Presbyterian Church, June 1, 1898, at 9 a. m., and held a second session at 4.40 p. m. Nine members of the Central Board of Missions were present and a representative from each one of the Presbyteries. The needs of weak congregations for the coming year were carefully consid-

ered, and the Conference agreed to report to the Synod the following recommendations:

1. That $300 be appropriated to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Presbytery—$200 for Cornwallis congregation and $100 for St. John and Barnesville congregations—as an encouragement to them to make up the salary of their pastor to $900.

2. That $100 be appropriated to Vermont Presbytery for Ryegate congregation.

3. That $400 be appropriated to New York Presbytery—$200 for White Lake and $200 for Kortright congregations.

4. That $500 be appropriated to Philadelphia Presbytery for Baltimore and Conococheague congregations.

5. That $800 be appropriated to Pittsburgh Presbytery to aid its weak congregations.

6. That Mansfield be left under the care of the Central Board, and that Ohio Presbytery be granted $100 for Muskingum and Tonica congregations; $50 for Middle Wheeling, and that $300 be granted that Presbytery for New Concord as supplement to pastor's salary in case a settlement is secured.

7. That Lakes Presbytery be granted $200 for Fairgrove congregation.

8. That St. Louis congregation remain under the care of the Central Board.

9. That $400 be granted Iowa Presbytery—for Lake Reno $200, for Hickory Grove $200—and that Chicago congregation remain under the care of the Central Board.

10. That $700 be appropriated to Kansas Presbytery—for Beulah $100, for Superior $100, for Holmwood $150, for Hebron $100, for Tabor $100, and for Quinter $150—and that Topeka and Wahoo congregations remain under the care of the Central Board.

11. That $100 be granted Colorado Presbytery for La Junta congregation; that the appropriation to Seattle be enough to make up the supplement to $500, and that Denver congregation remain under the care of the Central Board.

12. That if collections and appropriations received during the Synodical year for the support of Domestic Missions should not be sufficient to meet the appropriations of Synod, then said appropriations shall be paid pro rata, as last year, as far as the funds on hand will permit, and this payment shall be a final settlement with Presbyteries for said appropriations.

J. W. SPROULL, Chairman.
W. J. COLEMAN, Clerk.

The Mission of the Covenant to Israel, Philadelphia.

The mission, under the care of Mr. Moses Greenberg, licentiate, gives evidence of the presence and blessing of the God of Israel.

Mr. Greenberg, having completed his studies in the Seminary, enters upon the work with renewed zeal and earnest effort.

Mrs. Greenberg continued to carry forward the work in the sewing school and Sabbath School during his absence while at the Seminary, thus keeping the mission open throughout the entire year. Her services have always denoted culture, ability and consecration.

The Sabbath service by Mr. Greenberg is well attended by men and women, who show much respect to the missionary and the Gospel he preaches. The Sabbath School is attended by about 20 children. The sewing school numbers about an equal number. On Friday evening an inquiry class is conducted, at which a number of persons are found asking about Christ and anxious to know if He indeed be their Messiah.

A night school is in operation three nights each week for the benefit of immigrants who wish to learn the English language. Thirty are enrolled. Half an hour or more is devoted each evening to religious instruction.

The dispensary, under the direction of Dr. A. Caldwell, is a valuable help in the work, not merely bringing relief to many physical sufferers, but attracting a large number to this mission, where they become interested in that which pertains to the soul.

This mission commends itself to the Church, and we earnestly ask for the prayers of the people. Fifteen hundred dollars will be needed to carry forward the work during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. McFEETERS, Secretary.

Committee of Supplies reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

Supplies.

The Committee on Supplies would recommend the following distribution.

Allen, Pittsburgh, May-October; New York, November, December; Rochester, January; Illinois, February; Ohio, March, April.

Benn, New York, June; Ohio, July; Lakes, August, September; Kansas, May.

Benaugh, Ohio.

Buck, Colorado.

Crooks, Kansas, June, July; Colorado, August, September; Illinois, October; Iowa, November; Lakes, December, January, February; Ohio, March, April; Pittsburgh, May.

Dodds, Lakes, June; Pittsburgh, July-September; Illinois, May.

Hunter, Philadelphia, June; New York, July, August; Pittsburgh, September, October; Ohio, November, December, January, February; Illinois, March, April; Kansas, May.

Jack, Ohio, June, July; Lakes, August, September, October; Illinois, November, December; Iowa, January, February; Kansas, March, April; Pittsburgh, May.

Johnston, Iowa, May, June; Lakes, July; Pittsburgh, August.

Martin, Illinois, June; Iowa, July; Lakes, January, February; Kansas, March, April; Pittsburgh, May.

McBurney, Iowa, June, July, August; Illinois, September; Kansas, October, November, February; Colorado, December-January; Lakes, March; Pittsburgh, April, May.

McCarroll, Pittsburgh, June; Ohio, July; Illinois, August, September.

McCune, Illinois, June, July; Iowa, August; Kansas, September, October; Ohio, November, December; Pittsburgh, January, February, May; New York, March, April.

McGaw, Lakes, June; Illinois, July; Iowa, August; Pittsburgh, May.

McKinney, Pittsburgh except, Ohio, July; Illinois, August; Kansas, September, October; New York, March; Vermont, April, May.

McKnight, Pittsburgh, June, July; Lakes, August; Iowa, May.

Pearce, Pittsburgh, June; Iowa, July; Ohio, August, May.

Pritchard, New York, June-August, May.

Raitt, New York, June, July, April, May; Ohio, August, September; Iowa, October-December; Kansas, January, February; Pittsburgh, March.

Robb, Ohio, January, February; Iowa, August, April, May; Illinois, March.

Rusk, Illinois.

Slater, F., Philadelphia, May, June, July; Rochester, August; Ohio, September, October; Lakes, November, December; Pittsburgh, January, February; New York, March, April.

Slater, J. C., Pittsburgh, June; New York, July; Vermont, August, September; Ohio, May.

Samson, Iowa, June, September; Lakes, July, May.

Sanderson, Ohio, June; Lakes, July; New York, August, September; Illinois, January, February; Iowa, March, April; Kansas, May.

Sherman, Philadelphia, all but Pittsburgh, July; New York, August.

Sproull, Lakes, all but Illinois, September; Ohio, October; Kansas, November; Iowa, March; Pittsburgh, April.

Wallace, New York; May-October; Pittsburgh, November, December; Illinois, January; Iowa, February, March; Lakes, April.

Wilson, Pittsburgh, June-September; Illinois, January; Iowa, February; Kansas, March, April; Lakes, May.

J. W. SPROULL,
E. M. COLEMAN,
ISAIAH FARIS,
R. J. ALLEN,
JAMES MILLIGAN,
Committee on Supplies.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Report was received and laid on the table for the present.

Committee on Nominations made a partial report. Report was received, adopted and is as follows:

Committee to which was referred the third item of report of Committee on National Reform: R. M. Sommerville, T. H. Acheson, J. A. Black, W. S. McAnlis, James Campbell.

Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Wilson Dougherty.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Tuesday morning, 9 o'clock, June 7, 1898.

Synod came to order and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Roll was called. Brodie, W. C. Allen, Bole, A. S. Gilchrist, Milligan, did not answer, but soon appeared.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Committee on Memorials from the Session and young people of Winchester Congregation reported. Report was received and was taken up item by item for adoption.

Speeches during the remaining Sessions of Synod were limited to three minutes.

Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.

Report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows :

Young People's Societies.

The special committee to which was referred the Memorial from the Session of Winchester, and also a communication from the Young People's Christian Association of Winchester, would respectfully report:

The memorial from the Session of Winchester Congregation, after reciting the advantages to be derived from the formation of a denominational society, and pointing out the evil tendencies and results of the identification of our youth with organizations not under control of the Church or in harmony with its teachings and forms of worship, says:

"We, therefore, respectfully memorialize the Synod to take some suitable action touching the organization and ingathering of the young people of our Church into a society under the Church's influence and care."

The petition from the Young People's Association is of the same general import, with the added request that "if such an organization be formed the term 'Covenanter' be embodied in its name."

Your committee are united in the belief that the denominational society is the ideal young people's society, and if our young people were without organization they would recommend the formation of such a society. But Synod, having failed to take direction of the young people's movement until societies of various kinds have been formed in our congregations, it is deemed inexpedient to seek to produce uniformity in the local societies by the exercise of Synodical authority. But while we may not have uniformity, it is still possible to secure unity. To this end we make the following recommendations:

1. That the young people's societies in all our congregations are under the immediate control of the Sessions; that it be left to the Sessions to determine in their wisdom the name, form of organization, services and relations of these societies, and that Sessions be held responsible to the Presbyteries for the societies under their care.

2. That Presbyteries be recommended to seek to unite all the Covenanter young people within their bounds in a Covenanter Young People's Union, which shall embrace all the various young people's societies in the congregations under their care, and shall also include the young people not connected with these societies and those living in congregations where no local societies exist.

3. That the sphere of Synod's standing committee on Sabbath Schools be enlarged so as to cover the Church's work in the care of her youth, and that hereafter it be known as the Committee on Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. GEORGE,
C. D. TRUMBULL,
T. H. ACHESON,
D. S. ANDERSON,
WILLIAM J. MARSHALL,
Committee.

Committee on Finance reported. Report was received, and was taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were adopted.

Item 9 was stricken out.

Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 were adopted.

For item 15 a substitute was entertained. While under discussion the time for devotional exercises arrived.

Synod engaged in worship for half an hour.

Rev. J. Treve Barber, of the Baptist Church, received the courtesies of the floor.

S. J. Crowe was granted optional attendance for the remaining Sessions of Synod.

Synod took recess until 2 o'clock.

Prayer by M. A. Gault.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 p. m.

Synod came to order, and was opened with prayer by J. B. Gilmore.

Roll was called.

Minutes were read and approved.

D. McAllister asked that the action of last Synod requesting him to cease the publication of articles on lines specified be rescinded.

It was moved that the request be granted.

It was moved that the consideration of this motion be indefinitely postponed.

Ayes and nays were called for.

Ayes—William Anderson, D. S. Anderson, R. J. Allen, Acheson, Brodie, Boyd, Birnie, Clyde, W. J. Coleman, Carithers, Campbell, Crozier, Doig, Dill, Elder, D. C. Faris, J. M. Faris, D. S. Faris, Isaiah Faris, J. M. Foster, F. M. Foster, H. G. Foster, Finley, Frazier, R. J. George, W. M. George, M. A. Gault, R. J. Gault, Robert Gilchrist, John Hunter, Hargrave, W. P. Johnston, Keys, Latham, McFall, H. E. Morton, William McFarland, Milligan, McElwaine, McFeeters, Marshall, W. S. McAnlis, McKnight, A. J. McFarland, Sr., A. J. McFarland, Jr., McIsaac, McConnell, McCracken, J. K. Mitchell, McBurney, Pritchard, Paden, James Patton, Thomas Patton, T. P. Robb, G. M. Robb, Raitt, Rogers, William Reed, T. M. Slater, James Service, Sharp, R. D. Scott, Sterrett, Stewart, J. R. W. Stevenson, J. S. Thompson, Turner, W. T. K. Thompson, Trumbull, J. M. Wylie, W. Willson, Walkinshaw—73.

Nays—Aiken, W. C. Allen, Bole, Blackwood, J. W. F. Carlisle, T. M. Carlisle, Dean, Daugherty, Duncan, Edgar, Glasgow, Gilmore, J. H. Hunter, Kilpatrick, Leitch, McNaugher, Sr., McNaugher, Jr., McAfee, McKaig, D. C. Martin, J. G. McAnlis, J. S. Martin, McCartney, Pattison, J. G. Reed, R. C. Reed, Sommerville, T. P. Stevenson, J. W. Sproull, J. C. Smith, T. C. Sproull, Stormont, S. M. Stevenson, Taylor, W. M. Wylie, J. R. Wylie, J. R. Thompson, R. C. Wylie—38.

Not Voting—A. Alexander, Armstrong, Black, Hogan, Jamison, Kingston, McAllister, Meyer, McKenry, W. S. Mitchell, McCrory, Phillips, Fergus Slater, E. F. Sherman, S. S. Smith, D. B. Willson, Matthew Willson, S. R. Wallace—18.

Not Present—E. M. Coleman, S. J. Crowe, A. S. Gilchrist, Hugh Scott, Shaw, C. McLeod Smith—6.

The request was indefinitely postponed.

Committees on Records of Presbyteries reported.

N. B. and N. S., Iowa, Lakes, Kansas, Pittsburgh, Illinois, Ohio, Rochester, New York and Vermont were examined and found correct. The minutes of Philadelphia Presbytery were not present.

The Committee on the Records of Colorado Presbytery reported:

Your committee would respectfully report that we have examined the records of Colorado Presbytery and find in them nothing contrary to the law and order of the Church, except that on pages 55 and 64 no mention is made of the constitution of the Court; and on page 64 no mention is made of adjournment with prayer.

J. S. STEWART,
W. M. GEORGE,
J. F. CROZIER,
R. D. SCOTT,
S. McNAUGHER, SR.,
Committee.

Committee to report resolution on the war with Spain reported. Majority and minority reports were presented. The majority report was taken up for consideration. Item 1 was adopted. D. C. Martin, J. F. Crozier and H. G. Foster entered their dissent.

Items 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

Report was adopted, and is as follows:

Resolutions on the War with Spain.

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Synod, the war in which this nation is now engaged with the people and government of Spain is, on the part of the United States, a righteous war; a war which, in the dominant purpose of the nation, has been undertaken for the relief of the oppressed, for the rescue of thousands who are perishing from disease and starvation, and for the establishment of better government over a people who have long been prostrate under the heel of civil and spiritual despotism.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the indications of good results already wrought by the war in the elevation and purifying of the motives which actuated the nation, in moving to sacrifices which ennoble individual character, in leading to more general and more earnest prayer, and in deepening the nation's sense of her responsibility to God and her high calling among the nations.

Resolved, That we sympathize with those families whose sons have gone out in our armies, and that we recommend that in all our families and in all our sanctuaries continual supplication be made for the safety and success of our soldiers and sailors, and for the success of any spiritual labors which may be carried on among them.

Resolved, That this is a fit hour in which to call upon our

nation for repentance toward God and faith and submission toward our Lord Jesus Christ, who only has power upon the earth to forgive sins, and who, as the King of kings and Lord of lords, governs, judges, rewards and punishes all the nations of the earth according to their character and their deeds.

T. P. STEVENSON,
T. P. ROBB,
WM. WILSON,
J. H. FINLEY.

Dissent of D. C. Martin, J. F. Crozier and others:

Reasons for dissent from certain expressions in the "Report on the War," as adopted by Synod:

1. Because the Church of Christ, the Prince of Peace, should not put her official sanction on a declaration of war until all efforts for a peaceful settlement had been exhausted. "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal." II. Cor. x:4.

2. Because, instead of following the wise and pacific policy of the President, the resolutions bind our Synod to an approbation of a premature declaration of war.

3. Because the action of this Synod will tend to encourage the war spirit among our youth, which is always so difficult to control within proper bounds.

4. While yielding to none in love of country, we believe events are showing that the peace policy of President McKinley, viewed both from Christian and patriotic standpoints, would have been better for both Cuba and our own country.

D. C. MARTIN,
J. F. CROZIER,
A. S. GILCHRIST,
J. L. M'CARTNEY,
J. S. THOMPSON,
THOMAS M'FALL,
H. G. FOSTER.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly counsels any of the members under its care who may enter the army or navy of the United States to be careful to take no oath or obligation inconsistent with the recognized principles and testimonies of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Report of Committee on Finance was taken from the table.

The substitute under 15 was still further considered. The substitute was adopted.

Item 16 was adopted.

Item 17 was referred to the Board of Church Erection.

Items 18 and 19 were adopted.

Rule to adjourn at 5 o'clock was suspended until such time as the Report on Finance be finished.

Items 20 and 21 were adopted.

Report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Finance.

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report:

The following matters have been referred to us:

1. The report of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer, of the following funds: Suadia Building Fund, Latakia, Nos. 1 and 2, Hospital Fund, Beattie Children's Fund, Literary Fund, Temporary Investment Foreign Mission Fund, Church Erection Fund, Chinese Foreign Mission Fund, Building Fund for the Mission in China, and Sustentation Fund.

2. The report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

3. The report of John T. Morton, Treasurer of Synod's Board of Trustees.

4. The report of the Mission Conference.

5. The report of Board of Foreign Missions.

6. The report of the Central Board of Missions.

7. The report of the Presbyteries.

8. The report of Board of Church Erection.

9. The request of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College for funds for Science Hall and College grounds.

10. A request from the manager of the Aged People's Home.

11. The request of the heirs of Rev. John Cannon.

12. The request of the Secretary of Alliance of Churches holding the Presbyterian faith for Synod's share of the annual expenses of the Alliance.

13. The request of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer, for authority to print an edition of the Testimony.

14. A request from New York Presbytery for a special appropriation of $100 for the benefit of Brooklyn Congregation.

15. The report of Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform.

16. The report of the Foreign Mission Board.

17. Notice of a bequest of $3,000—$1,000 to the Theological Seminary, $1,000 to the Board of Foreign Missions and $1,000 to the Board of Central Missions—from Mrs. Eliza Coulter, lately deceased, of Baltimore Congregation.

18. The amount to be appropriated for Testimony Bearing.

19. Request of Seattle Congregation for aid in paying debt on church building.

The reports of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer, and of John T. Morton, Treasurer, came to us audited, and we have audited and found correct the accounts of D. McAllister, Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform.

We recommend

1. That the Mrs. Rebecca Law bequest of $301.15 (three hun-

dred and one dollars and fifteen cents) be appropriated to the Southern Mission Endowment Fund.

2. That the Miss Elizabeth Stewart bequest be appropriated to the current funds, and that the portion donated to the Chinese Mission be given to the Chinese Foreign Mission Fund.

The bequest is as follows: Syrian Mission, $475; Chinese Mission, $237.50; Indian Mission, $237.50; Selma Freedman's Mission, $475.

3. That the Mrs. Rebecca Brown bequest of $132.45 be appropriated to the current fund of the Foreign Mission.

4. That as to the James Frazer bequest, in compliance with the suggestion of Synod's Board of Trustees, the following action be taken: Whereas, James Frazer, in and by his last will and testament, dated December 3, 1862, and duly probated, devised for the use and benefit of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, certain real estate situate in the City of New York, State of New York, and described as follows:

(1). The premises No. 122 East Eighty-third street, New York, N. Y., consisting of a lot of ground, 26 feet by 102½ feet, on which is erected a frame building.

(2). The premises No. 146 West Eleventh street, New York, N. Y., being a lot of ground, 18¾ feet by 57 2-3 feet, on which is erected a brick building.

And, whereas, it is deemed for the best interests of said Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America that such real estate so devised should be sold; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Trustee, or Trustees, of the real estate so devised and so situate in the City of New York, or elsewhere, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to sell the same, in whole or in part, at such price or prices as he or they may deem proper, and to make, execute and deliver such deed or deeds, or assurances in law, as may be necessary to convey the said property so devised, or any part thereof, in fee simple.

5. That as to the claim of Synod's Board of Trustees against First and Third New York Congregations, Synod has repeatedly sustained the claim of Synod's Board. We reaffirm the justice of the claim, but, inasmuch as there seems to be a misunderstanding between the parties as to the rate of interest which was to have been charged, we direct that the representatives of said Congregations seek an amicable settlement with Synod's Board of Trustees.

6. That the Clerk of Synod be directed to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for John T. Morton, Samuel McNaugher and James A. McAteer to be their own successors as members of Synod's Board of Trustees for three years ending June 15, 1901.

7. That in accordance with the action of the Missionary Conference, held in Walton R. P. Church, June 1st, 1898, we recom-

mend the following appropriations be made from the Domestic Mission Fund:

(1). That $300 (three hundred dollars) be appropriated to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Presbytery, $200 (two hundred dollars) for Cornwallis Congregation, and $100 (one hundred dollars) for St. John and Barnesville Congregation, as an encouragement to make up the salary of their pastor to $900 (nine hundred dollars).

(2). That $100 (one hundred dollars) be appropriated to Vermont Presbytery for Ryegate Congregation.

(3). That $400 (four hundred dollars) be appropriated to New York Presbytery, $200 (two hundred dollars) for White Lake, and $200 (two hundred dollars) for Kortright Congregations.

(4). That $500 (five hundred dollars) be appropriated to Philadelphia Presbytery for Baltimore and Conococheague Congregations.

(5). That $800 (eight hundred dollars) be appropriated to Pittsburgh Presbytery to aid its weak congregations.

(6). That Mansfield be left under the care of the Central Board, and that Ohio Presbytery be granted $100 (one hundred dollars) for Muskingum and Tomica Congregation; $50 (fifty dollars) for Middle Wheeling Congregation, and that $300 (three hundred dollars) be granted that Presbytery for New Concord as a supplement to pastor's salary in case a settlement is secured.

(7). That Lakes Presbytery be granted $200 (two hundred dollars) for Fairgrove, and that in case of the acceptance of the call, $300 be granted.

(8). That St. Louis Congregation remain under the care of the Central Board.

(9). That $400 (four hundred dollars) be granted Iowa Presbytery, $200 (two hundred dollars) for Hickory Grove, $200 (two hundred dollars) for Lake Reno, and that Chicago Congregation remain under the care of the Central Board.

(10). That $700 (seven hundred dollars) be appropriated to Kansas Presbytery, for Beulah $100 (one hundred dollars), for Superior $100 (one hundred dollars), for Holmwood $150 (one hundred and fifty dollars), for Hebron $100 (one hundred dollars), for Tabor $100 (one hundred dollars), for Quinter $150 (one hundred and fifty dollars), and that Topeka and Wahoo Congregations remain under the care of the Central Board.

(11). That $100 (one hundred dollars) be granted Colorado Presbytery for La Junta Congregation. That the appropriation to Seattle Congregation be enough to make up the supplement to $500 (five hundred dollars), and that Denver Congregation remain under the care of the Central Board.

(12). That if collections and appropriations received during the year for the support of Domestic Missions should not be sufficient to meet the appropriation of Synod, then said appropri-

tions shall be paid pro rata, as last year, as far as the funds on hand will permit, and this payment shall be a final settlement with the Presbyteries for said appropriations.

8. That the loan to Seattle Congregation (of $1,000) be extended for two years, and that for the present year the Board of Church Erection be directed to pay the interest of the Mrs. Hollenbeck note, and that Synod commend Seattle Congregation to those who have means in the Church for assistance in meeting the mortgage of $1,000 now due.

10. That as to the special request of New York Presbytery for $100 in aid of Brooklyn Congregation $50 be granted for last year, and to be paid in full.

11. That the request of East End Congregation for $600 to help pay interest on their Church mortgage be granted.

12. That as to request of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College for a share of unappropriated money to meet obligations due on Science Hall, and on land secured to said Board by President Johnston. Inasmuch as there are no unappropriated funds available for this purpose, we commend President Johnston to the liberality of the Church in soliciting money to meet these obligations.

13. That Walter T. Miller, Treasurer, be authorized to print another edition of the Testimony.

14. That the Clerk be directed to draw an order on the Treasurer of the Literary Fund for $60, Synod's share of annual expenses of the Presbyterian Alliance; be paid to the Treasurer of the Alliance, Geo. Junkin, Esq., corner Sixth and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, Penna.

15. As to the request of Martha Cannon, Emile Cannon and Juliet H. Cannon. This request is that Synod instruct Synod's Board of Trustees to grant to John Cannon, acting in behalf of said parties, a quit claim deed to the property formerly occupied by the Reformed Presbyterian Congregation of Greensburg, Penna. We recommend that the request of Martha Cannon, Emile M. Cannon and Juliet H. Cannon be granted, and that Synod's Board of Trustees be and hereby is instructed to make out to the said John R. Cannon a quit claim deed for the property in question.

16. The thanks of the church are due the managers of the Home for the Aged, for progress made in the establishment of this home, and the church should come to their aid in this their time of need, and we suggest a special collection this year, for the purpose of paying interest now due and for the purpose of reducing the mortgage on the building, and we specify June 3rd, Sabbath, as the time for this collection.

18. That the Treasurer of the Aged Ministers' Fund pay, at the discretion of Synod's Board of Trustees, to the following named persons not to exceed in any case $400: Rev. J. M. Armour, Rev. J. J. McClurkin, Rev. J. C. K. Faris, Rev. Robert

Stewart, Rev. R. B. Cannon, Rev. J. L. McCartney, Rev. J. R. Baird. And in like manner from widows' and orphans' funds, to the following named widows:

Mrs. Mary A. Yates	$250	Mrs. Isabel Milroy	$250
Mrs. W. W. McMillan	250	Mrs. Susan Love	200
Mrs. J. H. Wylie	250	Mrs. Belle Dodds	200
Mrs. Laura Speer	250	Mrs. W. F. George	200
Mrs. D. G. Thompson	250	Mrs. J. N. Lawson	200
Mrs. Nancy Reid	250	Mrs. Lydia French	200

19. That the following collections be ordered:

Home for the Aged, June 3, Sabbath,, 1898	$00,000
Aged Minister Fund, July 1, Sabbath, 1898	1,500
Widows and Orphans, Aug. 1, Sabbath, 1898	1,500
Domestic Mission, Sept. 1, Sabbath, 1898	6,000
Library Fund, Sept. 3, Sabbath, 1898	500
Mission in China, Oct. 1, Sabbath, 1898	5,000
Indian Mission, Oct. 3, Sabbath, 1898	2,000
Southern Mission, Nov. 1, Sabbath, 1898	5,000
Jewish Mission, Nov. 3, Sabbath, 1898	2,000
Foreign Mission, Dec. 1, Sabbath, 1898	15,000
National Reform, Jan. 1, Sabbath, 1899	5,000
Testimony Bearings, Feb. 1, Sabbath, 1899	4,000
Theological Seminary, Feb. 3, Sabbath, 1899	1,500
Church Erection, March 1, Sabbath, 1899	5,000
Sustentation Fund, April 1, Sabbath, 1899	6,000
Students Aid, May 1, Sabbath, 1899	1,000

20. We recommend that the report of John T. Morton, Treasurer, and the synopsis of the report of Walter T. Miller, and the report of Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform be published in the Minutes of Synod.

21. That the Clerk of Synod be instructed to publish 1,000 copies of the Minutes of Synod, and draw upon the Literary Fund for the money to meet the expense; that the Minutes be sold at 30 cents per copy, postage included; and the Minutes of '97 at 15 cents per copy, postage included.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. WYLIE,
R. M. BLACKWOOD,
ISAIAH FARIS,
D. S. ANDERSON,
I. R. M'KENRY,
Committee.

Report of Synod's Treasurer.

To the Moderator and Members of Synod, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of N. A., to meet in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Walton, N. Y., June 1, 1898.

Dear Brethren: Herewith find my sixth annual report as Treasurer of "The Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America" for the year commencing May 1, 1897, and ending April 30, 1898, which has been audited

by a committee of said Board of Trustees, whose certificate is hereto attached.

During the year the funds have earned $17,137.61, which would be equal to a fraction over 6 per cent. on the amount of Endowment Funds, but there is unpaid of this amount $2,544.00.

The Board has declared a dividend on Endowments of $278,-711.75, as shown on balance sheet, of 5¼ per cent. from the cash revenue received and credited to Interest Account during the year amounting to $14,632.36; and also an extra dividend of ¾ per cent. on Endowment Funds ($278,711.75), amounting to $2,090.32, from accumulated interest of past years paid this year, and also from a part of Contingent Account.

The David Gregg Real Estate Endowment has netted only $1,282.88 this year, owing to reduction in rents and needed extensive repairs. The net revenue has been distributed as instructed by donor.

A sale has been made for $1,000.00, by Rev. D. S. Faris, of part of the Mrs. Isabella Stewart Martin memorial gift, and the net proceeds, $991.50, have been paid to Mr. Walter T. Miller, Treasurer, for Chinese Foreign Mission.

Mrs. Rebecca Law died February 20, 1898. The balance of her endowment gifts to the church is $301.15, and as per receipts given, is to be used for missionary purposes and such scheme or schemes as she may designate, which she did not do. She was specially interested in the Southern mission.

Mrs. Rebecca Brown, in addition to her gift during her life of about $10,000.00, reported to you May 25, 1896, willed the balance of her estate to the Church. We have received the net proceeds of it, viz., $132.45, which the will directs to be expended under the Synod's direction in the promulgation of the Gospel.

Also Miss Elizabeth Stewart of Kiskiminetas Township, Armstrong County, Pa., bequeathed to the Trustees of Synod, &c., $1,500.00, which we have received less collateral inheritance tax, $75.00, through Mr. William Stewart Henderson, Executor, net $1,425.00, to be distributed as follows:

Syrian Mission, $500 less tax $25	$475.00
Chinese Mission, $250, less tax $12.50	237.50
Indian Mission, $250 less tax $12.50	237.50
Selma Freedmen's Mission, $500 less tax $25	475.00

Her will is dated July 18, 1896. She was a member of Parnassus Congregation, Rev. J. S. Duncan, Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. MORTON, Treasurer.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 1, 1898.

GENERAL ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$293,386.75
April	30, '98.	Received during the year:		
		Geneva College	$410.00	
		Theological Seminary	110.00	
		Students' Fund	25.00	
		Domestic Mission	543.94	
		Foreign Mission	543.94	
				$1,632.88
June	18, '97.	Amount taken from Mrs. Rebecca Law Endowment Account to satisfy balance on her mortgage,	$265.05	
		Interest on same	8.55	
		Cash remitted her	200.00	
Sept.	28, '97.	For entering satisfaction of mortgage on docket	.25	
				$473.85
May	1, '98.	Balance		294,545.78
			$295,019.63	$295,019.63

GENEVA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$110,780.78
April	30, '98.	Cash, Note of Rev. J. Milligan Wylie		50.00
		Cash, Note of W. T. Anderson		50.00
		Cash, Note of A. D. Jamieson		25.00
		Cash, Note of Michael George	$300	
		Less attorney's charges	30	
				270.00
		Cash Note of J. M. Caskey		15.00
May	1, '98.	Balance	$111,190.78	
			$111,190.78	$111,190.78

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ENDOWMENT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$59,861.13
May	7, '97.	Cash, Rev. A. W. McClurkin, balance of principal of his three Student notes		110.00
May	1, '98.	Balance	$59,971.13	
			$59,971.13	$59,971.13

STUDENTS' FUND ENDOWMENT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$15,633.76
Feb.	25, '98.	Cash, R. M. Blackwood, on account principal of his Student note		25.00
May	1, '98.	Balance	$15,658.76	
			$15,658.76	$15,658.76

FOREIGN MISSION ENDOWMENT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$41,992.23
July	6, '97.	Mrs. Margaret People's Endowment		450.00
July	6, '97.	John A. McKee Endowment Bequest		543.94
May	1, '98.	Balance	$42,986.17	
			$42,986.17	$42,986.17

DOMESTIC MISSION ENDOWMENT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$30,532.10
July	6, '97.	John A. McKee Endowment Bequest		543.94
May	1, '98.	Balance	$31,076.04	
			$31,076.04	$31,076.04

SOUTHERN MISSION ENDOWMENT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$3,780.13
July	6, '97.	Mrs. Margaret People's Endowment		450.00
May	1, '98.	Balance	$4,230.13	
			$4,230.13	$4,230.13

CHINESE MISSION ENDOWMENT.

May	1, '98.	Balance		$100.00

AGED MINISTERS' ENDOWMENT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$7,740.56
July	6, '97.	Mrs. Rachel Stephenson Endowment		5,000.00
May	1, '98.	Balance	$12,740.56	
			$12,740.56	$12,740.56

FUND FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF DECEASED MINISTERS' ENDOWMENT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$691.06
July	6, '97.	Mrs. Rachel Stephenson Endowment		5,000.00
May	1, '98.	Balance	$5,691.06	
			$5,691.06	$5,691.06

CHURCH EXTENSION ENDOWMENT.

May	1, '98.	Balance	$3,400.00

JAMES R. McKEE MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT.

(For Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers.)

May	1, '98.	Balance	$2,000.00

JAMES R. McKEE MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT.

(For Foreign Mission.)

May	1, '98.	Balance		$1,000.00

IOWA PRESBYTERY ENDOWMENT.

May	1, '98.	Balance		$700.00

WILKINSBURG CONGREGATION ENDOWMENT.

May	1, '98.	Balance		$500.00

MRS. RACHEL STEPHENSON ENDOWMENT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$10,000.00
July	6, '97.	Sundries, Aged Ministers' Endowment	$5,000.00	
		Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers' Endowment	5,000.00	
			$10,000.00	$10,000.00

MRS. AGNES McINROY ENDOWMENT.

May	1, '98.	Balance		$3,000.00

MRS. MARGARET PEOPLE'S ENDOWMENT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$900.00
July	6, '97.	Sundries, Foreign Mission Endowment	$450.00	
		Sundries, Southern Mission Endowment	450.00	
		(Per order Synod, 1897.)		
			$900.00	$900.00

MRS. REBECCA LAW ENDOWMENT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$775.00
June	18, '97.	Sundries, balance of her mortgage	$265.05	
		Interest on same	8.55	
		Cash remitted her	200.00	
Sept.	28, '97.	Cash paid for entering satisfaction of mortgage	.25	
			$473.85	
		(Above items per her order.)		
May	1, '98.	Balance	301.15	
			$775.00	$775.00

DAVID GREGG BEQUEST ENDOWMENT.

May	1, '98.	Balance		$200,000.00

MORTGAGE ACCOUNT.

May	1, '97.	Balance	$27,900.07	
April	30, '98.	Cash paid on loans during year	9,773.85	
April	30, '98.	Cash received on loans during year		$22,698.10
May	1, '98.	Balance		14,975.82
			$37,673.92	$37,673.92

D. GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST CURRENT ACCOUNT.

June 7, '97.	Cash, paid county taxes for 1897..	$323.75	
Aug. 6, '97.	Cash, paid Edwin Lare, cleaning out eave pipe and repairing chimneys	5.35	
Nov. 11, '97.	Cash, paid Boon & Hill for damages (claimed by sub-tenant) to goods by water from roof..	114.90	
Dec. 10, '97.	Cash, paid McGavern & Lytle, repairs to third floor No. 416....	6.85	
Dec. 21, '97.	Cash, paid Samuel Arthur, for plumbing at Nos. 414-416.....	57.55	
Dec. 22, '97.	Cash, paid Wm. M. Birch, repairing chimneys Nos. 414-416....	22.69	
Jan. 22, '98.	Cash, paid Louis P. Rieb, tin roofing, Nos. 414-416.....	505.60	
Mar. 17, '98.	Cash, paid City taxes, March and September, 1898.....	2,157.50	
April 12, '98.	Cash, paid James White for four water barrels for No. 416.....	3.00	
April 12, '98.	Cash. paid for placing same and filling with water.....	.50	
April 13, '98.	Cash, paid F. J. Totten, one large flue cap and fitting same, No. 416.....	40	
April 13, '98.	Cash, paid L. H. Smith Wooden Ware Co., for 1 doz. R. B. fire pails for No. 416.....	4.12	
April 13, '98.	Cash, paid insurance for three years	575.00	
April 20, '98.	Cash, paid Wm. F. Trimble & Sons, for repairs on No. 416.....	1,985.76	
April 22, '98.	Interest account for attending to property, collecting rents, etc., per order of Board	370.83	
April 22, '98.	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account, 15 shares at $85. 52 8-15 per share	1,282.88	
April 9, '98.	Cash, rent of Nos. 414-416 Wood Street, Pittsburg, Pa., to April 1, 1898.....		$7,416.68
		$7,416.68	$7,416.68
April 26, '98.	Cash, paid John C. McCombs, attorney, for opinion in law, etc.,	$4.00	
May 1, '98.	Balance		$4.00

D. GREGG REAL ESTATE ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '97.	Balance		$200,000.00
April 22, '98.	Foreign Mission, 5 shares..	$427.63	
	Domestic Mission, 3 shares,	256.58	
	Sustentation Fund, 1 share,	85.53	
	Church Erection, 1 share...	85.53	
	Theo. Seminary, 1 share...	85.52	
	Southern Mission, 1 share..	85.53	
	Chinese Mission, 1 share...	85.52	
	Ministerial Widows and Orphans' Fund, 1 share....	85.52	
	Cent'l Ref. Pres. Church, All'y, 1 share.....	85.52	
			1,282.88

April 22, '98.	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Current Account (net revenue from property for year).....		$1,282.88
May 1, '98.	Balance		200,000.00
		$201,282.88	$201,282.88

ROBT. AIKIN PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

May 1, '97.	Balance	$566.89	
April 30, '98.	Interest	34.01	
May 1, '98.	Balance		$600.90
		$600.90	$600.90

ST. JOHNSBURY, VT., R. P. CHURCH PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

May 1, '97.	Balance	$5,707.80	
April 30, '98.	Cash, paid for repairs, water rent, etc..	50.50	
April 30, '98.	Interest $344.08		
	Less interest on rent account 112.27		
		231.81	
May 1, '98.	Balance		$5,990.11
		$5,990.11	$5,990.11

ST. JOHNSBURY, VT., R. P. CHURCH PROPERTY RENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '97.	Balance		$1,716.15
April 30, '97.	Cash, rents received during year..		357.00
April 30, '98.	Cash, cost of P. O. Money Orders,	$0.47	
May 1, '98.	Balance	2,072.68	
		$2,073.15	$2,073.15

REAL ESTATE ACCOUNT.

May 1, '97.	Balance		$8.25
Mar. 17, '98.	Interest Account	$8.25	

COLLECTION FOR EAST END R. P. CONGREGATION DEBT.

May 1, '97.	Balance		$33.00
April 8, '98.	Interest Account (Acc't E. E. Cong. Int.)	$33.00	

HOME FOR WIDOWS, ORPHANS AND AGED PEOPLE, R. P. CHURCH.

May 1, '97.	Balance	$3,324.79	
May 19, '97.	Cash, remitted to Mrs. J. W. Sproull, Tr. for Home	100.00	
June 8, '97.	Cash, County taxes for 1897.....	10.93	
Sept. 3, '97.	B. & M., Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot, 6 mos. int.....	150.00	
Sept. 24. '97.	B. & M., Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot, entering satisfaction on docket of partial payment on mtge...	.50	
Nov. 11, '97.	Cash, remitted Mrs. J. W. Sproull, Treas.....	230.60	

Mar.	2, '98.	B. & M., Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot, 6 mos. int.....	105.00	
Sept.	3, '97.	Interest Account, average interest on account to date, at 5½ per cent		$421.82
May	1, '98.	Balance		3,500.00
			$3,921.82	$3,921.82

BOND AND MORTGAGE, MISS SARAH N. ARBUTHNOT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$5,000.00
Sept.	3, '97.	Home for Widows, Orphans and Aged People, R. P. Ch. Account, 6 mos. int.....		150.00
Sept.	24, '97.	Home for Widows, Orphans and Aged People, R. P. Ch. Account, satisfying partial payment.....		.50
Mar.	2, '98.	Home for Widows, Orphans and Aged People, R. P. Ch. Account, 6 mos. interest.....		105.00
Sept.	3, '97.	Cash, paid Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot, 6 mos. interest.....	$150.00	
Sept.	3, '98.	Cash, paid Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot, on account principal of mortgage	1,500.00	
Sept.	24, '97.	Cash, paid for entering satisfaction of same on Docket.....	.50	
Mar.	2, '98.	Cash, paid Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot, 6 mos. interest.....	105.00	
May	1, '98.	Balance	3,500.00	
			$5,255.50	$5,255.50

BILLS PAYABLE.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$3,500.00
July	2, '97.	Cash, paid First Nat. Bank, Pittsbugh, Pa., note in full.....	$3,500.00	

Mrs. RACHEL STEPHENSON DONATION.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$4,000.00
July	6, '97.	Sundries, Domestic Mission Current	$3,000.00	
		Sundries, Geneva College — for Science Hall and Outlying Field	1,000.00	
		(Per order Synod, 1897.)		
			$4,000.00	$4,000.00

Mrs. REBECCA BROWN DONATION No. 2, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$1,840.00
May	1, '98.	Balance	$1,840.00	

LIFE INSURANCE POLICY.

May	1, '97.	Balance	$1,840.00	
May	1, '98.	Balance		$1,840.00

REAL ESTATE DONATION.

May 1, '97.	Balance	$367.62	
April 30, '98.	Cash, City and County taxes and water rent	64.58	
May 1, '98.	Balance		$432.20
		$432.20	$432.20

CASH DONATION.

May 1, '97.	Balance		$2,474.73
May 1, '98.	Balance	$2,474.73	

DONATION IN MEMORY OF Mrs. ISABELLA STEWART MARTIN.

(For Chinese Foreign Mission.)

May 1, '97.	Balance	$69.72	
Mar. 22, '98.	Cash, paid taxes for 1898	56.26	
April 7, '98.	Cash, paid for acknowledgment of deed for part of land	.50	
April 25, '98.	Cash, paid Attorney for rewriting deed	1.00	
April 28, '98.	Walter T. Miller, Treas. Acct.	991.50	
April 16, '98.	Cash, proceeds of sale of part of farm, per Rev. D. S. Faris $1,000.00		
April 16, '98.	Less paid for abstract of title $5.00		
April 16, '98.	Cost of deed 1.00		
	Balance taxes, 1898.. 1.00		
	7.00		
			$998.00
April 30, '98.	Cash, per Rev. D. S. Faris		200.75
May 1, '98.	Balance	74.77	
		$1,193.75	$1,193.75

Mrs. MARY LINGO BEQUEST, PARKSTON, HUTCHINSON CO., S. D.

May 1, '97.	Balance		$149.50
May 1, '98.	Balance	$149.50	

JOHN A. McKEE ENDOWMENT BEQUEST, ALLEGHENY, PA.

May 1, '97.	Balance		$1,087.88
July 6, '97.	Sundries, Home Mission Endowment	$543.94	
July 6, 97.	Sundries, Foreign Mission Endowment	543.94	
		$1,087.88	$1,087.88

Mrs. JESSEY FRASER BEQUEST, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

May 1, '97.	Balance		$447.36
July 6, '97.	Walter T. Miller, Treas. Account for Literary Fund (per order Synod, '97)	$447.36	

Mrs. REBECCA BROWN BEQUEST, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

"To the Synod of the Ref. Pres. Ch. in the U. S. of America, to be expended under its direction in the promulgation of the Gospel of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

May	1, '97.	Balance	$3.00	
Nov.	5, '97.	Cash, per Nathaniel A. Cashman & Andrew P. Irwin, Executors $140.20		
		Less clerk of Orphans' Court fees $4.00		
		Affidavit of Executors to petition for discharge .75		
		4.75		
				$135.45
May	1, '98.	Balance	132.45	
			$135.45	$135.45

Miss ELIZABETH STEWART BEQUEST, KISKIMINETAS TWP., ARMSTRONG CO., PA.

"To the Trustees of Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (O. S.)"

Nov.	5, '97.	Cash, per Wm. Stewart Henderson, Executor:		
Nov.	5, '97.	Syrian Mission, $500 less tax, $25		$475.00
Nov.	5, '97.	Chinese Mission, $250 less tax, $12.50		237.50
		Indian Mission, $250 less tax, $12.50		237.50
Nov.	5, '97.	Selma Freedmen's Mission, $500 less tax, $25		475.00
May	1, '98.	Balance	$1,425.00	
			$1,425.00	$1,425.00

JAMES FRASER BEQUEST, NEW YORK, N. Y.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$1,644.72
April	30, '98.	Cash, rents received		1,139.80
April	30, '98.	Cash, paid for new furnace, etc.	$142.93	
April	30, '98.	Cash, paid for building foundation wall	125.00	
April	30, '98.	Cash, paid for repairs, etc.	68.07	
April	30, '98.	Cash paid for City taxes 1897 $252.00		
		Less discount 2.41		
			249.59	
April	30, '98.	Cash, paid for water rent	20.00	
April	30, '98.	Cash, paid for telegrams	.85	
May	1, '98.	Balance	2,178.08	
			$2,784.52	$2,784.52

IOWA PRESBYTERY INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April	30, '98.	Dividend		$36.75
April	30, '98.	Extra dividend		5.25
April	30, '98.	Cash remitted	42.00	
			$42.00	$42.00

WILKINSBURG CONGREGATION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 30, '98.	Dividend		$26.25
April 30, '98.	Extra dividend		3.75
April 30, '98.	Cash remitted	30.00	
		$30.00	$30.00

Mrs. AGNES McINROY INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 25, '98.	Interest to May 1, 1898		$120.00
April 25, '98.	Cash remitted	$120.00	

Mrs. MARGARET PEOPLE'S INTEREST ACCOUNT.

May 6, '97.	Interest Account		$18.00
May 6, '97.	Cash, remitted A. J. Andrew, Jr., Administrator	$18.00	

JAMES R. McKEE MEMORIALS INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 30, '98.	Dividend		$105.00
	Extra dividend		15.00
	Dividend		52.50
	Extra dividend		7.50
	Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers	$120.00	
	Walter T. Miller, Treas. Acct. for Foreign Mission	60.00	
		$180.00	$180.00

FOREIGN MISSION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 22, '98.	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account, five (5) shares		$427.63
April 30, '98.	Dividend, 5¼ per cent. on Endowment of $41,992.23		2,204.59
April 30, '98.	Extra dividend of ¾ per cent. on Endowment of $41,992.23		314.94
April 22, '98.	Walter T. Miller, Treas. Account.	$427.63	
April 30, '98.	Walter T. Miller, Treas. Account.	2,204.59	
April 30, '98.	Walter T. Miller, Treas. Account.	314.94	
		$2,947.16	$2,947.16

CHURCH EXTENSION OR ERECTION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 22, '98.	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account, one (1) share		$85.53
April 30, '98.	Dividend, 5¼ per cent. on Endowment of $3,400		178.50
April 30, '98.	Extra dividend of ¾ per cent. on Endowment of $3,400		25.50
April 22, '98.	Walter T. Miller, Treas. Account.	$85.53	
April 30, '98.	Walter T. Miller, Treas. Account.	178.50	
April 30, '98.	Walter T. Miller, Treas. Account.	25.50	
		$289.53	$289.53

SUSTENTATION FUND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 22, '98.	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account, 1 share		$85.53
April 28, '98.	Sustentation Fund, Current Account	$85.53	

CENTRAL REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALLEGHENY.

April 23, '98.	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account, one (1) share.....		$85.52
April 22, '98.	Cash remitted	$85.52	

CASH DONATION INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 30, '98.	Interest Account		$125.00
April 30, '98.	Cash remitted	$125.00	

WALTER T. MILLER, TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

July 6, '97.	Mrs. Jessey Fraser Bequest.....			$447.36
April 22, '98.	Foreign Mission, Int. Acct..$427.63			
	Church Erection, Int. Acct.. 85.53			
				513.16
April 28, '98.	Donation in Memory of Mrs. Isabella S. Martin			991.50
April 30, '98.	Foreign Mission, Interest Acct.. .....$2,204.59			
	Church Extension, Interest Acct 178.50			
	Jas. R. McKee, Memo's Interest Acct 52.50			
		$2,435.59		
	Foreign Miss., Int. Acct $314.94			
	Ch. Extension, Int. Acct 25.50			
	Jas. R. McKee, Memo's Interest Account 7.50			
		347.94		
				2,783.53
July 6, '98.	Rev. F. M. Foster, Clerk of Synod account.	$87.25		
	Cash remitted.	360.11		
			$447.36	
April 22, '98.	" "		513.16	
April 28, '98.	" "		991.50	
April 30, '98.	" "		2,783.53	
			$4,735.55	$4,735.55

W. P. M. S., PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.

May 1, '97.	Balance.			$400.00
Nov. 5, '97.	Interest account			20.00
Nov. 5, '97.	Cash remitted, Mrs. J. R. McKee, Treasurer.		$20.00	
Nov. 18, '97.	Cash remitted, Mrs. J. R. McKee, Treasurer, on account.....		200.00	
May 1, '98.	Balance.		200.00	
			$420.00	$420.00

REV. F. M. FOSTER, CLERK OF SYNOD.

May 1, '97.	Balance	$101.50	
May 8, '97.	Cash, per Rev. F. M. Foster, for 57 copies of Minutes of Synod 1896 at 25c. per copy		$14.25
July 6, '97.	Walter T. Miller, Treasurer's acc't (deducted from Mrs. Jessey Fraser bequest)		87.25
		$101.50	$101.50

OFFICE FURNITURE ACCOUNT.

May 1, '97.	Balance	$350.00	
April 30, '98.	Expense Account, wear and tear, One Year		$50.00
May 1, '98.	Balance		300.00
		$350.00	$350.00

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

April 30, '98.	Cash, rent of office, 1 yr. to 5-1-'98.	$197.50	
	Cash, telephone rent, 1 yr. to 7-1-98	66.00	
	Cash, P. O. stamps	46.78	
	Cash, stationery, printing, etc.	64.16	
	Cash, receipt book	18.00	
	Cash, car fare	1.00	
	Cash, two copies, Minutes of Synod	.60	
	Cash, writing Secretary's report	3.75	
	Cash, Subscription to Daily Financial News	5.00	
	Cash, Subscription to Christian Nation	1.50	
	Cash, Insurance on office furniture.	13.20	
	Cash, cleaning office	2.50	
	Cash, moving safe and office furniture	40.75	
	Cash, cleaning office carpet, etc.	6.30	
	Cash, Mercantile Trust Co., bond of Treasurer	50.00	
	Cash, paid J. C. McCombs, Att'y.	1.00	
	John T. Morton, salary 12 months to May 1, 1898	2,100.00	
	Office Furniture Acc't (wear and tear)	50.00	
Aug. 4, '97.	Cash, from W. T. Miller, Treas., for share of cost of printing and mailing letter circulars		$3.00
April 30, '98.	Geneva College Current Account		199.88
	Theological Seminary Current Account		133.25
	Domestic Mission Current Account		133.25
	Southern Mission Current Account		133.25
	Chinese Home Mission Current Account		66.63
	Interest Account		1,998.78
		$2,668.04	$2,668.04

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 30, '98.	Cash, interest received during year		$18,288.40
April 30, '98.	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Current Account		370.83
	Mrs. Margaret Peoples' interest...	$18.00	
	Mrs. Rebecca Cameron interest...	125.00	
	Home for Widows, Orphans and Aged People R. P. C. average interest	421.82	
	W. P. M. S. Phg. Pres. interest....	20.00	
	Mrs. Agnes McInroy interest.....	120.00	
	Sundries, interest	52.77	
	Expense Account	1,998.78	
	Dividend, 5¼ per cent. on Endowment of $278,711.75	14,632.36	
	Sundries, part of extra dividend of ¾ per cent. on Endowment of $278,711.75	1,170.50	
		$18,659,23	$18,659.23

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '97.	Balance		$1,772.74
April 30, '98.	Sundries, part of extra dividend of ¾ per cent. on Endowment of $278,711.75	$919.83	
May 1, '98.	Balance	852.91	
		$1,772.74	$1,772.74

CASH ACCOUNT.

May 1, '97.	Balance	$816.71	
April 30, '98.	Receipts	73,877.71	
April 30, '98.	Expenditures		$73,544.43
May 1, '98.	Balance		1,149.99
		$74,694.42	$74,694.42

DOMESTIC MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

April 30, '98.	Cash, 114 congregations	$1,792.97		
	Cash, 11 Sabbath schools..	110.14		
	Cash, 8 L. M. S.	81.62		
	Cash, 12 Y. P. S. C. E.	347.27		
	Cash, 61 individuals	424.07		
	Cash, 3 W. P. M. S.	88.65		
				$2,844.72
	Cash, Illinois Presbytery			26.10
	Cash, unexpended balance of $150, appropriation by Synod, 1894, to Iowa Presbytery for Elliota. Returned by G. Cunningham, Treasurer			60.12
	Mrs. Rachel Stephenson Donation Account			3,000.00
	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account, three (3) shares			256.58
	Dividend, 5¼ per cent. on Endowment of $30,532.10			1,602.94
	Extra dividend of ¾ per cent. on Endowment of $30,532.10			228.99
May 1, '97.	Balance		599.31	

EXPENDITURES.

April 30, '98.	Cash, Rev. P. J. McDonald, Sup'mt to 5-1-'98	316.70
	Cash, P. J. McDonald, Appro'n by Synod, '97, to Seattle Cong., to 5-1-'98	183.26
	Cash, Rev. W. C. Allen, Sup'mt to 4-15-'98	124.98
	Cash, Rev. A. J. McFarland, Jr., Sup'mt to 4-22-'98	500.00
	Cash, Rev. B. M. Sharp, Sup'mt to 4-18-'98	500.00
	Cash, Rev. H. P. McClurkin, Sup'mt to 5-1-'98	508.30
	Cash, Rev. Geo. Benaugh, Sup'mt to 4-1-'98	480.00
	Cash, Rev. R. J. Dodds, Sup'mt to 9-1-'97	166.66
	Cash, Rev. T. H. Acheson, Sup'mt to 5-1-'98	550.00
	Cash, Rev. C. McL. Smith, salary to 9-14-'97, at Chicago, Ill	420.00
	Cash, Rev. J. Milligan Wylie, salary to 4-27-'98, at Chicago, Ill	720.00
	Cash, Rev. W. C. Paden, preaching to 5-1-98, at Wahoo, Neb	435.00
	Cash, Rev. S. J. Crowe, preaching one Sabbath at Youngstown, O.	10.00
	Cash, Rev. G. P. Raitt, preaching five Sabbaths at St. Louis, Mo.	50.00
	Cash, Rev. J. C. K. Faris, preaching four Sabbaths and holding Communion at St. Louis	50.00
	Cash, Rev. W. J. Coleman, Sec'y Cent'l Bd. Miss. for postage, etc.	1.00
	Cash, Myers & Shinkle Co., for 500 copies rules for Cent'l Bd. Miss.	12.75
	Cash, Philadelphia Pres., Rev. J. C. McFeeters, Treas., one-half appropriation, Synod, '97	162.50
	Cash, New York Pres., Rev. S. G. Shaw, Treas., one-half appropriation, Synod, '97	200.00
	Cash, Rochester Pres., Mr. Jno. Hunter, Treas., one-half appropriation, Synod, '97	250.00
	Cash, Ohio Pres., Rev. J. S. Thompson, Treas., one-half appropriation, Synod, '97	75.00
	Cash, Pgh. Pres., John T. Morton, Treas., one-half appropriation, Synod, '97	300.00
	Cash, Kansas Pres., Mr. R. M. Atchison, Treas., one-half appropriation, Synod, '97	400.00
	Cash, N. B. & N. S. Pres., Rev. Thos. McFall, Treas., one-half appropriation, Synod, '97	250.00
	Cash, Lakes Pres., Rev. R. Hargrave, Treas., one-half appropriation, Synod, '97	150.00

	Cash, Vermont Pres., Rev. J. C. Taylor, Treas., one-half appropriation, Synod, '97.....	50.00	
	Cash, East End Cong., Mr. R. A. M. Steele, Treas., appropriation by Synod, '97.....	600.00	
	Expense Account	133.25	
May 1, '98.	Balance		179.26
		$8,198.71	$8,198.71

(The above payments of one-half of the appropriations by Synod, 1897, are to be in full. Per order Synod, 1897.)

KNOX ACADEMY CURRENT ACCOUNT.

June 4, '97.	Cash, tuition, per Rev. R. J. McIsaac		$189.94
April 30, '98.	Southern Mission Current Account	$189.94	

PLEASANT GROVE MISSION PROPERTY RENT ACCOUNT.

April 30, '98.	Cash, rent per Mr. J. H. Pickens...		$35.00
April 30, '98.	Southern Mission Current Account	$35.00	

TEACHERS' HOME, SELMA, ALA., RENT ACCOUNT.

April 30, '98.	Cash, rent 1 yr. to 10-1-'98, per Rev. R. J. McIsaac.....		$100.00
April 30, '98.	Southern Mission Current Account	$100.00	

SOUTHERN MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '97.	Balance		$499.54
	RECEIPTS.		
April 30, '98.	Cash, 109 congregations..$1,629.66		
	Cash, 30 Sabbath schools. 486.53		
	Cash, 16 L. M. S..... 194.40		
	Cash, 1 M. B..... 10.00		
	Cash, 7 Y. P. S. C. E..... 59.00		
	Cash, 74 individuals..... 622.13		
	Cash, 1 W. P. M. S..... 30.35		
			3,032.07
	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account, one (1) share.....		85.53
	Knox Academy Current Account..		189.94
	Pleasant Grove Mission Property Rent Account		35.00
	Teachers' Home, Selma, Ala., Rent Account		100.00
	Dividend, 5¼ per cent. on Endowment of $3,780.13.....		198.46
	Extra dividend of ¾ per cent. on Endowment, $3,780.13.... ...		28.35
	EXPENDITURES.		
April 30, '98.	Cash, Rev. Solomon Kingston, sal. to 5-1-'98	$400.00	
	Cash, Mr. J. H. Pickens, sal. to 5-1-'98	420.00	
	Cash, Mr. J. C. Phillips, sal. to 5-1-'98	360.00	
	Cash, Rev. R. J. McIsaac, sal. to 5-1-'98	1,000.00	

	Cash, Mr. G. G. McLaury, sal. to 5-1-'98	230.00	
	Cash, Miss Mary A. Dodds, sal. to 5-1-'98	320.00	
	Cash, Miss Margaret McCartney, sal. to 5-1-'98	320.00	
	Cash, Miss Rachel E. Pollock, sal. to 5-1-'98	280.00	
	Cash, Miss Lillian Hobbie, sal. to 5-1-'98	320.00	
	Cash, Mrs. G. M. Sims, sal. to 5-1-'98	320.00	
	Cash, Miss Sophia P. Kingston, sal. to 5-1-'98	280.00	
	Cash, Miss Mary J. George, sal. to 6-1-'97	40.00	
	Cash, Miss Lillian Hobbie, traveling expenses	44.95	
	Cash, Miss Mary J. George, traveling expenses	19.10	
	Cash, Miss Margaret McCartney, traveling expenses	40.15	
	Cash, Miss Mary A. Dodds, traveling expenses	40.15	
	Cash, Miss Rachel E. Pollock, traveling expenses	23.20	
	Cash, Rev. R. J. McIsaac, special remittance	50.00	
	Expense Account	133.25	
May 1, '98.	Balance		471.91
		$4,640.80	$4,640.80

CHINESE MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '97.	Balance		$2,333.96

RECEIPTS.

April 30, '98.	Cash, 4 congregations	$19.29	
	Cash, 1 Sabbath school	2.00	
	Cash, 4 L. M. S	31.80	
	Cash, 9 individuals	23.00	
	Cash, 1 W. P. M. S	.50	
			76.59
	D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account, one (1) share		85.52
	Dividend, 5¼ per cent. on Endowment of $100.00		.25
	Extra dividend of ¾ per cent. on Endowment, $100		.75

EXPENDITURES.

April 30, '98.	Cash, Jas. H. Willson, salary to 8-1-'97	$60.00	
	Cash, Miss Jennie Trimble, salary to 8-1-'97	45.00	
	Cash, Mrs. S. C. Borland, salary to 4-1-'98	32.00	
	Cash, Mrs. R. R. Johnston, salary to 5-1-'98	180.00	
	Cash, Miss Mary Hill, salary to 5-1-'98	180.00	

		Cash, Miss Grace Johnston, salary to 5-1-'98	90.00	
		Cash, hall rent to 6-1-'98	207.50	
		Cash, gas bills	55.95	
		Cash, fuel	6.00	
		Cash, Rev. N. R. Johnston and Wife, as recognition of their services	50.00	
		Cash, Rev. N. R. Johnston, conducting Communion, etc	50.00	
		Cash, Rev. N. R. Johnston, as recognition of his services	100.00	
		Expense Account	66.63	
May	1, '98.	Balance	1,278.99	
			$2,502.07	$2,502.07

INDIAN MISSION INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$133.60
May	1, '98.	Balance	$133.60	

INDIAN MISSION BUILDING ACCOUNT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$712.42
Nov.	29, '97.	Cash, remitted Rev. W. W. Carithers, on account laundry b'ld'g $300.00		
April	25, '98.	Cash, remitted Rev. W. W. Carithers, bal. cost of laundry b'ld'g 258.76		
			$558.76	
May	1, '98.	Balance	153.66	
			$712.42	$712.42

MRS. M. A. SLATER, AS A MEMORIAL TO HER SON, RENWICK G. SLATER.

(To start a new branch of Indian Mission.)

May	1, '97.	Balance		$250.00
May	1, '98.	Balance	$250.00	

INDIAN MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$1,928.16

RECEIPTS.

April	30, '98.	Cash, 90 congregations $1,009.30		
		Cash, 7 Sabbath schools 51.54		
		Cash, 2 S. S. classes	10.80	
		Cash, 8 L. M. S.	85.90	
		Cash, 2 M. B.	10.50	
		Cash, 1 Y. P. S. C. E.	30.00	
		Cash, 45 individuals	296.69	
				1,494.73
		Cash, W. P. M. S. Pgh. Pres., balance of Rev. W. W. Carithers' salary to Feb. 1, 1898 $750.00		
		Cash, W. P. M. S. Pgh. Pres., on account Rev. W. W. Carithers' salary from 2-1-'98 $250.00		
				1,000.00

	Cash, collections per report of Miss Kate McBurney.. $61.10		
	Cash, less traveling expenses 45.09		
			16.01

EXPENDITURES.

April 30, '98.	Cash, Rev. W. W. Carithers, sal. to 5-1-'98	$1,000.00	
	Cash, Rev. W. W. Carithers, sal. of Mr. Geo. C. Robb, to 5-1-'98	330.00	
	Cash, Miss Alice Carithers, sal. to 5-1-'98	450.00	
	Cash, Miss Mary L. Staley, sal. to 5-1-'98	300.00	
	Cash, Miss Maggie J. Walkinshaw, sal. to 5-1-'98	120.00	
	Cash, Miss Kate McBurney, sal. to 8-1-'98	112.50	
	Cash, Miss Mary L. Staley, trav. expenses	15.23	
	Rev. D. H. Coulter, expenses to Indian Miss. and dispensing Com.	39.27	
	Rev. C. D. Trumbull, expenses to and from Ind. Miss. and dispensing Com	49.70	
	Rev. W. W. Carithers, special remittance	50.00	
	Insurance on Mission Buildings	141.00	
May 1, '98.	Balance	1,831.20	
		$4,438.90	$4,438.90

($846.59 has been paid since closing books, viz., $690.04 to Current Acct., and $156.55 to Building Fund, which belongs to last year, and reduces the balances).

JEWISH MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, '97.	Balance		$553.15

RECEIPTS.

Apr. 30, '98.	Cash, 77 Congregations	$605.02	
	12 Sabbath schools	108.82	
	3 Sabbath sch'l classes.	14.21	
	12 L. M. S.	97.65	
	2 Y. P. S. C. E.	11.50	
	2 M. B.	4.44	
	49 individuals	161.30	
	5 W. P. M. S.	47.55	1,050.49

EXPENDITURES.

April 30, '98.	Cash, paid Philadelphia Jewish Miss.	$900.99	
	Paid Cincinnati Jewish Miss...	372.69	
May 1, '98.	Balance	329.96	
		$1,603.64	$1,603.64

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$1,588.98
		RECEIPTS.		
April	30, '98.	Cash, 86 congregations.....581.61		
		1 Sabbath school 3.81		
		22 individuals 43.55		628.97
		Refund from money appropriated by Board of Supts. for elocution lessons		3.00
		D. Gregg Real Estate End'mt Acct., one (1) share		85.52
		Dividend, 5¼ per cent. on Endowment of $59,861.13		3,142.71
		Extra dividend of ¾ per cent on Endowment of $59,861.13..		448.96
		EXPENDITURES.		
Apr.	30, '98.	Cash, Rev. D. B. Willson, D. D., salary to June 1, 1898.....	$2,000.00	
		Rev. R. J. George, D. D., salary to June 1, 1898.....	2,000.00	
		Paid for instructions to Students in elocution, per order Board of Supts	64.40	
		Paid W. A. Lafferty, for lessons in vocal music at Seminary..	60.00	
		Expenses of three members of Board attending meetings of Board	77.94	
		Expense Account	133.25	
May	1, '98.	Balance	1,562.55	
			$5,898.14	$5,898.14

MEMORIAL BUILDING RENT ACCOUNT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$2,551.84
		RECEIPTS.		
Apr.	30, '98.	Cash, rent to June 1, 1898.....		800.00
		EXPENDITURES.		
Apr.	30, '98.	Cash, water rent for 1897.....	$12.00	
		All'y Heating Co., one-third of gas bill	58.21	
		Painting front of building, and tin roof	47.00	
		City taxes for 1898.....	178.51	
		Repairs	34.40	
		All'y Gas Co., bills.....	2.40	
May	1, '98.	Balance	3,019.32	
			$3,351.84	$3,351.84

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY FUND.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$1,322.72
		RECEIPTS.		
Apr.	30, '98.	Cash, Seminary closing collection.		5.53
		48 congregations $187.58		
		10 individuals 4.86		192.44

EXPENDITURES.

Apr.	30, '98.	Cash, Books, etc	$134.77	
		Geneva College Library Acct., (one-half of receipts).....	96.22	
May	1. '98.	Balance	1,289.70	
			$1,520.69	$1,520.69

STUDENTS' FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May	1, 97.	Balance		$2,679.62

RECEIPTS.

Apr.	30, '98.	Cash, 52 congregations.....$230.33		
		17 individuals 42.94		273.27
		Dividend, 5¼ per cent. on Endowment of $15,633.76		820.77
		Extra dividend of ¾ per cent. on Endowment of $15,633.76		117.25

EXPENDITURES.

Apr.	30, '98.	Cash, paid nine (9) Students $150 each.....	$1,350.00	
May	1, '98.	Balance	2,540.91	
			$3,890.91	$3.890.91

AGED MINISTERS' FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$44.29

RECEIPTS.

Apr.	30, '98.	Cash, 83 congregations $495.56		
		24 individuals 46.81		542.37
		Dividend, 5¼ per cent on Endowment of $7,740.56		406.37
		Extra dividend of ¾ per cent. on Endowment of $7,740.56		58.05

EXPENDITURES.

Sept.	9, '97.	Cash, paid Myers & Shinkle Co. for letter circulars	$2.38	
Nov.	24, '97.	Cash paid Rev. J. L. McCartney...	160.00	
		Rev. J. R. Baird	130.00	
		Rev. R. B. Cannon.....	225.00	
		Rev. Robt. Stewart	110.00	
		Rev. J. M. Armour	160.00	
May	1, '98.	Balance	263.70	
			$1,051.08	$1,051.08

FUND FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$26.31

RECEIPTS.

Apr.	30, '98.	Cash, 87 congregations $504.06		
		1 Sabbath school.... 8.00		
		21 individuals 63.76		
		1 W. P. M. S..... .25		576.07
		D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Acct., one (1) share		85.52
		Dividend, 5¼ per cent on Endowment of $691.06		36.28

		Jas. R. McKee Memorial Interest Account		105.00
		Extra dividend of ¾ per cent. on Endowment of $691.06.....		5.18
		Jas. R. McKee Memorial Interest Account		15.00
		EXPENDITURES.		
Sept.	9, '97.	Cash, paid Myers & Shinkle Co., for letter circulars	$2.37	
Nov.	24, '97.	Cash, paid 12 widows $70.00 each...	840.00	
May	1, '98.	Balance	6.99	
			$849.36	$849.36

SUSTENTATION FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Apr.	30, '98.	Cash, 66 congregations		$989.51
		17 individuals		605.34
		From Mr. Walter T. Miller, Tr., (former Treas.) Bal. in his hands		86.89
		D. Gregg Real Estate End'mt, one (1) share		85.53
May	1, '98.	Balance	$1,767.27	
			$1,767.27	$1,767.27

TESTIMONY BEARING CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$318.51
		RECEIPTS.		
Apr.	30, '98.	Cash, 103 congregations ..$1,442.06		
		2 Sabbath schools.. 7.68		
		52 individuals 453.06		
		1 W. P. M. S..... 12.00		1,914.80
		Collections by Rev. A. J. McFarland		39.75
		Collections by Rev. A. J. McFarland		85.91
		Collections by Rev. A. J. McFarland		55.15
		EXPENDITURES.		
Apr.	30, '98.	Cash, paid orders of Committee and traveling expenses of Lecturer	$321.27	
		Rev. A. J. McFarland, Lecturer, salary for 1 year in full to June 1, 1898.....	1,200.00	
May	1, '98.	Balance	892.85	
			$2,414.12	$2,414.12

GENEVA COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

May	1, '97.	Balance	$484.89	
Apr.	30, '98.	Interest, 1 yr. to May 1, 1898.....	29.09	
Apr.	30, '98.	Geneva College Current Acct.....		$29.09
Apr.	30, '98.	Geneva College Current Acct., by order Synod, 1895		200.00
May	1, '98.	Balance		284.89
			$513.98	$513.98

GENEVA COLLEGE LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$684.27
		RECEIPTS.		
Apr.	30, '98.	Theological Seminary Library Fund (one-half receipts for Library Fund during year)		96.22
		EXPENDITURES.		
Apr.	30, '98.	Cash, paid for books, periodicals, etc.	$72.80	
May	1, '98.	Balance	707.69	
			$780.49	$780.49

GENEVA COLLEGE INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Apr.	30, '98.	Cash, received for interest on Geneva College notes during year..		$858.54
Apr.	30, '98.	Geneva College Current Account..	$858.54	

GENEVA COLLEGE CURRENT ACCOUNT.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$824.79
		RECEIPTS.		
April	30, '98.	Cash, Rev. W. P. Johnson, Pres't, for loan for Science Hall...		500.00
		Prof. W. H. Wilson, for loans to pay Janitor		80.00
		Rent of Chapel		100.00
		Tuition		3,000.00
		Geneva College Interest Account..		858.54
		Dividend, 5¼ per cent. on Endowment of $110,780.78		5,815.99
		Extra dividend of ¾ per cent. on Endowment of $110,780.78		830.86
		EXPENDITURES.		
Apr.	30, '98.	Cash, for prize of Board of Trustees	$25.00	
		Rev. W. P. Johnston, Pres't, for loan for Science Hall, per order Board	500.00	
		Rev. J. R. Wylie, expenses attending meetings of Board $4.70		
		and new Minute Book 2.75	7.45	
		Catalogues and programmes	93.50	
		Prof. W. H. Wilson, loan to pay salary of Janitor for June and July, 1897	80.00	
		Paid through Prof. W. H. Wilson, for bill for cistern, etc.....$216.32		
		Less balance in his hands for repairs.. 100.81		
			115.51	
		Water rent in full	20.00	
		Paid to Prof. W. H. Wilson, to pay sundry bills incurred by Ex. Com. in obtaining water supply for college	393.18	

		Paid for insurance 3 yrs....	96.00	
		Rev. W. P. Johnston, salary to 6-1-'98.....	1,500.00	
		Prof. Geo. Kennedy, salary to 6-1-'98.....	1,200.00	
		Prof. W. M. Milroy, salary to 6-1-'98..	1,200.00	
		Prof. A. McCracken, salary to 6-1-'98	1,200.00	
		Prof. W. H. Wilson, salary to 6-1-'98	1,200.00	
		Prof. J. M. Coleman, salary to 6-1-'98	1,200.00	
		Prof. J. H. Morton, salary to 6-1-'98	800.00	
		Miss Grace P. Morehead salary to 6-1-'98.....	630.00	
		Miss May Farris, salary to 6-1-'98	400.00	
		Geneva College Building Fund, 1 yr. interest on balance, $484.89	29.09	
		Geneva College Building Fund, by order Synod, 1895. Third payment	200.00	
		Geneva College needed repairs, etc., 1 yr. int. to 5-1-'98.....	120.00	
		Expense Account	199.88	
May	1, '98.	Balance	800.57	
			$12,010.18	$12,010.18

GENEVA COLLEGE FOR SCIENCE HALL AND OUTLYING FIELD.

July	6, '97.	Mrs. Rachel Stephenson Donation,		$1,000.00
July	6, '97.	Cash, remitted to Rev. W. P. Johnston, President	$1,000.00	

GENEVA COLLEGE NEEDED REPAIRS, ETC.

(At Expense of Fraser Bequest.)

May	1, '97.	Balance	$2,000.00	
April	30, '98.	Interest Acct., 1 yr's interest.....	120.00	
April	30, '98.	Geneva College Current Account..		$120.00
May	1, '98.	Balance		2,000.00
			$2,120.00	$2,120.00

SYNOD'S TRAVELING FUND.

May	1, '97.	Balance		$29.90
May	31, '97.	Cash, remitted to Rev. R. C. Wylie, Chairman, per order Synod, '97	$29.90	

BALANCE SHEET, MAY 1, 1898.

LIABILITIES.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

	1897.	1898.
Geneva College Endowment	$110,780.78	$111,190.78
Theological Seminary Endowment	59,861.13	59,971.13
Students' Fund Endowment	15,633.76	15,658.76
Foreign Mission Endowment	41,992.23	42,986.17
Domestic Mission Endowment	30,532.10	31,076.04
Southern Mission Endowment	3,780.13	4,230.13
Chinese Mission Endowment	100.00	100.00
Aged Ministers' Endowment	7,740.56	12,740.56
Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers' Endowment	691.06	5,691.06
Church Extension Endowment	3,400.00	3,400.00
James R. McKee Memo. Endowment (Widows and Children, etc.)	2,000.00	2,000.00
James R. McKee Memo. Endowment (Foreign Mission	1,000.00	1,000.00
Iowa Presbytery Endowment	700.00	700.00
Wilkinsburg Cong. Endowment	500.00	500.00
	$278,711.75	
(Dividend, 5¼ per cent., declared on this amount.)		
Mrs. Agnes McInroy Endowment		3,000.00
Mrs. Rebecca Law Endowment		301.15
(The last two items above not governed by dividend, but by specified rate of interest.)		
Amount of General Endowment Account		$294,545.78
D. Gregg Bequest Endowment (not governed by dividend, net revenue distributed as instructed by donor		200,000.00
		$494,545.78

SUNDRY ACCOUNTS.

St. Johnsbury, Vt., R. P. Church Property Rent Account	$2,072.68
Bond and Mortgage, Miss Sarah N. Arbuthnot	3,500.00
Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation No. 2	1,840.00
Cash Donation	2,474.73
Donation in Memory of Mrs. Isabella Stewart Martin	74.77
Mrs. Rebecca Brown Bequest	132.45
Mrs. Mary Lingo Bequest	149.50
James Fraser Bequest	2,178.08
Miss Elizabeth Stewart Bequest	1,425.00
W. P. M. S. Pittsburgh Presbytery	200.00
Contingent Account	852.91

CURRENT ACCOUNTS.

Chinese Mission Current Account	1,278.99
Indian Mission Current Account	1,831.20
Indian Mission Building Fund	153.66
Indian Mission Industrial School	133.60
Mrs. M. A. Slater (as a memo. to her son, Renwick G., etc.)	250.00
Theological Seminary Current Account	1,562.55
Memorial Building Rent Account	3,019.32
Theological Seminary Library Fund	1,289.70

Students' Fund Current Account		2,540.91
Aged Ministers' Fund Current Account		263.70
Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers' Current Account		6.99
Testimony Bearing Current Account		892.85
Geneva College Library Account		707.69
Geneva College Current Account		800.57
Jewish Mission Current Account		329.96
Sustentation Fund Current Account		1,767.27

ASSETS.

Domestic Mission Current Account	$179.26	
Southern Mission Current Account	471.91	
Life Insurance Policy	1,840.00	
St. Johnsbury, Vt., R. P. Church Property Acct.	5,990.11	
Geneva College Building Fund	284.89	
Geneva College—Needed Repairs, etc	2,000.00	
Robt. Aikin Property Account	600.90	
Real Estate Donation	432.20	
David Gregg Endowment Bequest Current Acct.	4.00	
D. Gregg Real Estate Endowment Account	200,000.00	
Home for Widows, Orphans and Aged People R. P. C	3,500.00	
Office Furniture Account	300.00	
Mortgage Account	14,975.82	
General Endowment Account	294,545.78	
Cash Account, in First National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa. $45.13		
On hand 1,104.86		
	1,149.99	
	$526,274.86	$526,274.86

Synopsis of the Report of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Fund of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, from March 30, 1897, to March 29, 1898:

The Receipts have been—	
From Congregations	$8,230.77
Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies	2,824.63
Individuals and Bequests	1,751.83
Students of Geneva College	95.00
Synod's Board of Trustees:	
Dividend from Invested Funds	1,905.02
Dividend from David Gregg Estate	2,022.87
Dividend from J. R. McKee Memorial Fund	55.00
Special Contributions for Syrian Schools	1,000.00
Special Contributions for Salary of Cyprus Missionary	1,000.00
Ministers of the Ref. Pres. Church for Salary of their Missionary	560.00
Young Women of the Ref. Pres. Church for Salary of their Missionary	594.55
Elders of the Ref. Pres. Church for Salary of their Missionary	105.45
Special Contributions	163.82
Special Contributions for reduction of debt of this account	547.89
Total Receipts	$20,856.83

The Expenditures have been—

For Missionaries' Salaries	$10,100.84	
Mission Expenses—Latakia	4,420.27	
Mission Expenses—Suadia	1,260.00	
Mission Expenses—Tarsus	2,478.84	
Mission Expenses—Cyprus	994.85	
Traveling Expenses:		
Dr. D. Metheny's family return to U. S.	798.18	
Rev. R. J. Dodds and family, out-going to field	619.92	
Miss M. Cunningham, to Europe	151.61	
Shipping Expenses, Rev. R. J. Dodds and family	310.48	
Shipping Expenses, ordinary	89.85	
Medical Supplies, Cyprus	138.32	
Medical Supplies, Latakia	117.65	
Small Items, printing, cablegrams, etc	22.38	
Traveling to meeting of Board	11.00	
Special Contributions remitted	127.00	
Total Expenditures		$21,641.29
The excess of Expenditures over Receipts being	$784.46	
which, added to the overdraft—March 30, 1897	9,475.68	
makes this Account overdrawn at date		$10,260.14

Suadia Building Fund Ref. Pres. Church, in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1896.	Dr.	
May 14.	To balance overdrawn as reported to Synod	$254.44

Suadia Building Fund No. 2, Ref. Pres. Church, in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1897.		
May 12.	To balance overdrawn as reported to Synod	$177.41

The Syrian Hospital, Latakia, in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1897.	Cr.	
April 30.	By Balance as reported to Synod	$170.76
Aug. 20.	Allowance for Medical Supplies as ordered by the Board	150.00
May 20.	By Contributions from Congregations	60.00
	Contributions from Sabbath Schools, Individuals and Societies for the general purposes of the Hospital	60.50
	Contributions from Individuals for support of beds	130.00
	Contributions from Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies for support of beds	89.40
	Contributions above to date and duly acknowledged to Donors	$1,160.66

1897.		Dr.	
Dec. 22.	To remittances to date to Dr. J. M. Balph	$800.00	
1898.			
May 20.	To balance contra carried down	360.66	
		$1,160.66	$1,160.66
		Cr.	
May 20.	By balance brought down	$360.66	

The Beattie Children Fund, in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1897.		Cr.	
March 30.	By balance as per last report		$2,623.10
1898.			
Jan. 26.	Interest at 5 per cent. per annum, to date		54.65
			$2,677.75
1898.		Dr.	
Jan. 15.	To cash paid to Miss Julia L. Beattie, to date	$250.00	
	Cash paid by Mr. Alfred P. Beattie, to date	250.00	
Jan. 26.	To cash paid to Miss Elizabeth L. Beattie	100.00	
	Cash paid to Miss Ellen L. Beattie..	100.00	
	Cash paid to Mr. John Beattie.....	250.00	
	Cash paid to Mr. Wilson E. Beattie.	400.00	
	Cash paid to Miss Julia L. Beattie..	227.75	
	Cash paid to Mr. Alfred P. Beattie.	1,100.00	
		$2,677.75	$2,677.75

The Literary Fund of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1897.		Dr.	
May 13.	To Balance, as per report to Synod	$833.94	
June 26.	To cash paid rent of Trunk Safe Deposit Co., Pittsburgh, through Rev. J. W. Sproull, D.D.	5.00	
July 13.	To cash paid J. W. Pratt & Son, printing Minutes of Synod, 1897	$304.94	
Nov. 9.	To cash paid George Junkin, Treas., apportionment of Current Expenses of Presbyterian Alliance, 1897-8	60.00	
Nov. 13.	To cash paid W. Waters & Son, binding 1,000 Psalters	75.00	
June 21.	To cash paid draft of Rev. F. M. Foster, Clerk of Synod, in favor Christian Statesman Asso., Rev. D. McAllister, Treas., for printing 10,000 copies Selection of Psalms.	170.00	
			$1,448.88

1898.	Cr.		
July 8.	By cash from Synod's Board of Trustees, per John T. Morton, Treas., Bequest of Mrs. Jessie Fraser, deceased, $447.36, less $87.25 retained by Treasurer to pay expenses publication Minutes of Synod, 1896	$360.11	
April 28.	By cash from sales of Testimonies and Books of Discipline, to date.....	19.30	
	Cash from Minutes of Synod, per Rev. F. M. Foster, to date.....	216.00	
	Cash from Psalters to date, per Rev. R. M. Sommerville, D.D.....	215.12	
	Cash from Selections of Psalter, by Rev. J. M. Coleman	90.19	
	Cash from Congregation Contribution	4.38	
	By balance carried down.....	543.78	
		$1,448.88	$1,448.88

1898.	Dr.	
April 28.	To balance contra brought down.....	543.78

The Temporary Investment Fund of the Foreign Mission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1897.	Cr.	
March 30.	By balance as reported to Synod.....	$13,372.14
1898.		
March 29.	By Interest, equated as balances have been on hand at 3 per cent. per annum.....	45.00
		$13,417.14

The Church Erection Fund of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in account with Walter T. Miller, Treasurer:

1897.	Cr.	
May 10.	By balance as per report to Synod....	$3,393.37
1898.		
March 2.	By cash, on account of loan to Topeka Cong.....	100.00
May 2.	Cash, on account of note, account Eckley Property	100.00
May 3.	Cash from Synod's Board of Trustees, dividend from Invested Funds	178.50
	Cash from extra dividend from Invested Funds	25.50
April 23.	Cash from Synod's Board of Trustees, dividend from D. Gregg Estate	85.53
May 12.	Cash from Congregations duly acknowledged to each—as received and in Christian Nation	839.20

	Cash from individuals, also acknowledged as above, both to date		91.00
			$4,813.10

1897.	Dr.		
Aug. 30.	To cash paid Trustees Denver Cong., fourth appropriation	$650.00	
Nov. 8.	To cash paid Topeka Cong., second appropriation	500.00	
Nov. 8.	To cash loaned at one and two years' date to Topeka Cong.	300.00	
Dec. 17.	To cash paid Youngstown Cong., third appropriation	400.00	
May 13.	To cash remitted Synod's Board of Trustees, appropriation to East End Cong., Pittsburg, to be held by them and paid to East End Con. when conditions agreed upon are fulfilled.	1,000.00	
May 13.	To cash balance contra carried down.	1,963.10	
		$4,813.10	$4,813.10

1897.	Cr.	
May 13.	By balance brought down	$1,963.10

THE FUND FOR THE MISSION IN CHINA OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IN ACCOUNT WITH WALTER T. MILLER, TREAS.

1897.	Cr.	
May 4.	By balance, as reported to Synod	$2,943.81
1898.		
May 20.	By contributions acknowledged as received and in Christian Nations:	
	From congregations	1,431.34
	From Sabbath Schools and mission societies	321.60
	From individuals	574.60

1898.	Dr.		
May 20.	To cash payments and remittances of salaries of Rev. A. I. Robb and Rev. E. McBurney, to date	$2,400.96	
May 20.	To cash remittances to date account Mission expense.	145.02	
May 20.	To cash remittances to date account teachers' wages.	96.68	
May 20.	To balance contra carried down	2,628.69	
		$5,271.35	$5,271.35

1898.	Cr.	
May 20.	By balance brought down	$2,628.69

THE BUILDING FUND FOR THE MISSION IN CHINA OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IN ACCOUNT WITH WALTER T. MILLER, TREAS.

1898.		Cr.	
Mch. 28.	By cash from Oakland, Cal., Chinese Mission, per Mrs. Rosamond R. Johnston. . .		$200.00
April 1.	By cash from Y. P. S. C. E. of Denison, Kansas, Cong., per W. T. Mann, Treas. . .		5.00
April 25.	By cash from Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McBurney. .		25.00
April 29.	By cash from Synod's Board of Trustees, proceeds of sale of part of the land and farm donated to the work for the Mission in China by Mr. Henry Martin of Cincinnati. . .		991.50
			$1,221.50

THE SUSTENTATION FUND OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IN ACCOUNT WITH WALTER T. MILLER, TREAS.

1897.		Cr.	
May 10.	By balance on hand, as reported to Synod. . .		$1,908.61
1897.		Dr.	
May 21.	To cash paid by order of Board of Sustentation and Church Erection and confirmed by Synod to the following parties:		
	Rev. J. R. Latimer	$144.10	
	Rev. Isaiah Faris	222.64	
	Rev. Wm. McFarland	144.10	
	Rev. E. M. Coleman	338.63	
	Rev. D. C. Faris	230.57	
	Rev. T. J. Allen	360.25	
	Rev. T. A. McIlwain	468.32	
		$1,908.61	$1,908.61

1897.		Cr.	
July 12.	By contributions received to date and acknowledged as received. .		$86.89
1897.		Dr.	
July 15.	To cash transferred to Mr. John T. Morton, now treasurer of this fund. . .	$86.89	$86.89

SUMMARY REPORT OF FINANCIAL AGENT OF REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD IN WORK OF NATIONAL REFORM FOR YEAR FROM JUNE 1, 1897, TO MAY 31, 1898:

RECEIPTS.

1897.			
June 1.	Balance on hand. .		$77.22
	Collected by Dr. T. P. Stevenson. . .	$14.62	

Collected by Rev. W. Weir.....	81.17	
Collected by Rev. W. H. McMaster.	145.68	
Collected by Prof. J. R. Dill.....	818.16	
Collected by Dr. H. H. George.....	1,699.16	
Sent directly by individuals, congregations, etc., to Treasurer.....	1,527.44	
		$4,286.23
		$4,363.45

DISBURSEMENTS.

1897.	Cr.		
June 1.	Paid Dr. H. H. George, on salary and expenses, including convention expenses.	$2,149.16	
	Paid Prof. J. R. Dill, services and expenses.	978.66	
	Paid Rev. W. Weir, on salary and expenses, due on old account.....	481.17	
	Paid Rev. W. H. McMaster, services and expenses.	145.68	
	Paid Dr. T. P. Stevenson, expenses....	27.62	
	Paid Dr. R. C. Wylie, expenses.....	23.18	
	Paid D. McAllister, expenses.....	32.55	
	Paid rent of office, 13 months, to May 31, 1898.	97.50	
	Paid printing bills, calls, circulars, etc.,	60.05	
	Paid for 12,000 copies of Statesman, wrapped and mailed.	150.00	
	Paid for 316 subscriptions to Statesman to contributors of $1 or more.	79.00	
	Paid interest on note of $1,000 to R. P. Synod's Board of Trustees.....	60.00	
		$4,284.57	
	Balance on hand May 31, 1898..	$78.88	
			$4,363.45

DAVID M'ALLISTER.

The Clerk of Synod cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for John T. Morton, Samuel McNaugher and Jas. A. McAteer, as members of Synod's Board of Trustees for three years ending June 15, 1901.

The rule was suspended and Synod took recess until 7 o'clock.

Prayer by D. C. Martin.

EVENING SESSION.

Same place, Tuesday evening, 7 o'clock, June 7th, 1898. Synod came to order and was opened with prayer by R. M. Sommerville.

Calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Minutes were read and approved.

The place of next meeting was considered.

It was moved and passed that when Synod adjourn it adjourn

to meet in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Mansfield, Ohio, on the last Wednesday of May, at 2 P. M., 1899.

The Conference on Missions is to meet in Mansfield on the same Wednesday at 9 A. M.

G. A. Edgar was appointed the Moderator's alternate to preach the opening sermon.

C. D. Trumbull was appointed Committee on Railroads.

Committee on Presbyterial Reports reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

Presbyterial Reports.

We have found it difficult to collect the necessary facts. The Clerks of Presbyteries have not yet come to understand the new plan requiring the general Presbyterial reports to be sent to the Chairman of the Committee and the statistical part of the reports to the Stated Clerk. Consequently a majority of them sent both parts to the Stated Clerk; some sent both to the Chairman of the Committee, while only two or three were so well informed as to send each part to the proper person.

The statistical blanks, even when supplemented by the "Special Notice to Clerks of Presbyteries," do not provide for the reporting of all the facts needed by the Committee. Experience would suggest some improvements in them. Confusion has arisen, partly from the failure of some Clerks to report all the facts and partly from the putting of the facts reported into the hands of two persons to prepare summaries which in some points overlap each other.

Discrepancies were found which might have been avoided if all the facts had been submitted to a single person to be summarized.

Reports more or less complete were received from all the Presbyteries except the Syrian, from which we had no formal report, but the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board kindly furnished us such facts as were in his possession. In respect to several Presbyteries we were under the necessity of obtaining information outside of the reports sent to us.

The statistical reports are, on the whole, exceptionally correct. In four of them, however, the totals were incorrect; in one there was a mistake as to the number of ministers; in another a column was inserted for a special fund; and in two others amounts were included in the totals not inserted in any of the other columns. The statistics of eleven congregations were taken from last year's reports. The attention of the Presbyteries to which these congregations belong is called to Instruction No. 5 on the back of Presbyterial blanks. The reports of Pittsburgh, Vermont and Lakes Presbyteries are complete, there being no mistakes and no reports taken from last year's statistics.

The attention of Kansas Presbytery is called to the fourth recommendation of the report of the Committee of last year. In accordance with this recommendation we corrected the Clerk's

oversight by inserting the name of J. Boggs Dodds. Clerks of Presbyteries are requested:

1st. To verify their figures by comparing the sum of the totals with the sum of all the other columns added together.

2d. To mail their reports not later than the 15th of May.

3d. To keep, or return to senders, congregational blanks received after Presbyterial reports have been mailed.

We present the following summary to be printed in addition to the summary prepared by the Stated Clerk.

One hundred and sixteen (116) congregations were reported last year. There have been no new organizations, one (1) has been disorganized, leaving one hundred and fifteen (115).

Exclusive of the Syrian Presbytery we have one hundred and twelve (112) congregations, of which seventy-eight (78) have settled pastors, and thirty-four (34) are vacant; six (6) of the latter, however, have stated supplies for all, or part, of the time.

We have learned of four (4) mission stations (besides our Indian Mission), of which one (1) has stated supply for part of the time.

One hundred and fourteen (114) ministers were reported last year. We have lost two (2) by death, one (1) by suspension, and one (1) by defection; but there have been added to the number five (5) by ordination, and three (3) by accession from other churches, which should make the total one hundred and eighteen (118); but we find the actual number to be one hundred and nineteen (119). The discrepancy arose from the failure of the Colorado Presbytery last year to include in their report the one (1) reported this year as suspended.

Seventy-five (75) of our ministers are settled pastors, three (3) having double charges. Six (6) others are stated supplies of other congregations, or mission stations. Of the forty-four (44) who have no pastoral charge, eight (8) are missionaries, five (5) stated supplies for vacant congregations, two (2) professors in the Theological Seminary, four (4) engaged in educational work, three (3) in reform work, one (1) in the practice of medicine, and six (6) are totally or partially disabled through age or infirmity.

Thirteen (13) licentiates were reported last year, five (5) of whom are now settled pastors. Fourteen (14) more have been licensed since last Synod, so that the whole number now is twenty-two (22). This does not include the Syrian Presbytery, in which, as we learn, there are at least three (3) licentiates.

Of the twenty-one (21) students of theology reported last year ten (10), who were also licentiates, have since completed their Seminary course, and two (2) have finished their earthly course and do rest from their labors.

There are eighteen (18) theological students reported this year, of whom fourteen (14) are licensed.

There are reported in the church four hundred and fifty-one (451) elders, three hundred and twenty-six (326) deacons, and nine thousand nine hundred and ninety (9,990) communicants, the

increase of the latter since last report being seven hundred and thirty-seven (737), and the decrease five hundred and fifty-two (552), a net gain of one hundred and eighty-five (185).

There have been three hundred and forty-six (346) baptisms.

The Sabbath-school attendance is reported at eleven thousand six hundred and sixty-five (11,665), and the Young People's attendance at two thousand seven hundred and five (2,705).

The contributions reported are as follows: Syrian Mission, $15,367; Chinese Mission, $1,931; Home Mission, $3,281; Southern Mission, $2,430; Indian Mission, $2,020; Jewish Mission, $1,037; Theological Seminary, $793; Sustentation, $1,685; Church Erection, $9,845; National Reform, $2,457; Testimony Bearing, $1,242; Aged Ministers' Fund, $480; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, $512; Pastors' Salaries, $65,128; miscellaneous, $54,742. Grand total, $162,950.

We recommend—

First—That hereafter the Stated Clerk be the Standing Committee on Presbyterial Reports.

Second—That the Stated Clerk be authorized to prepare blanks that shall include all the facts needed to make his report complete.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAIAH FARIS,
J. G. REED,
J. MILLIGAN WYLIE,
JOHN W. PRITCHARD,
J. W. SPROULL,
Of the Committee.

N. B. AND N. S. PRESBYTERY.

The N. B. and N. S. Presbytery would respectfully report that we have held two meetings during the year. The congregations of St. John and Barnesville being without pastors, were each granted the moderation of a call.

The St. John Congregation made a call on W. T. K. Thompson to become their Pastor, asking two-thirds of his time and offering him $600 a year. The call from Barnesville was also in favor of W. T. K. Thompson, asking for one-third of his time and offering him $200 a year with manse. These calls being accepted, W. T. K. Thompson was ordained and installed in St. John on the 26th of May and installed in Barnesville the following day.

Houlton is disorganized; gives no report, and makes no request. There will therefore be no supplies needed by our Presbytery. We recommend Robert Stewart for a share in the Aged Ministers' Fund. We also ask for Mrs. Lawson her share in the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The Board of Home Missions are considerate of us in our weakness, and substantially aid us.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. MORTON, Clerk.

VERMONT PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Vermont would respectfully report:

That since the last meeting of Synod we have held one regular meeting.

The Day of Thanksgiving was observed in all our congregations. The fast day was partially observed. The movement to unite the congregations of Barnet and Ryegate under one pastor was not successful. Presbytery, at its last meeting, appointed D. C. Faris stated supply at Ryegate.

The application of the Barnet Congregation for aid, for the past 12 (twelve) months, from the Sustentation Fund, was approved.

Presbytery asks $100 to be appropriated for the help of the Ryegate Congregation for the coming year.

J. C. Taylor was appointed our agent to attend the Mission Conference.

We report our Traveling Fund in full. J. C. Taylor was appointed agent for this fund.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. FARIS, Clerk.

NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

New York Presbytery would report:

Since the last meeting of Synod we have held two regular meetings and one special meeting. We have fifteen congregations, the same as our last report, and seventeen ministers, a net increase of one. Mr. T. M. Carlisle, a Licentiate under our care, was ordained to the ministry and installed Pastor of Fourth New York Congregation. Mr. W. McLeod George, a licentiate, was received on certificate from Pittsburg Presbytery. Mr. George was ordained to the ministry and installed Pastor of Brooklyn Congregation February 1st, 1898. These two are additions.

We are sorry to report the death of Rev. James Kennedy, D. D., who died January 26th, 1898. Mr. Kennedy had been an honored member of New York Presbytery for nearly 27 years.

Our vacancies are Kortright and White Lake. At our spring meeting of Presbytery, April 19th, Messrs. W. J. Sanderson and John H. Pritchard, students of theology under our care, were licensed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our unsettled ministers are Rusk, Raitt and Wallace. We have one, Mr. A. I. Robb, a missionary in China.

The full time of Messrs. Rusk and Raitt is at the disposal of Synod; also that of Mr. Wallace after November, he having been appointed stated supply at Kortright for six months. We ask for one-half time of one laborer for the year. Mr. T. M. Carlisle is Chairman of our Committee on Supplies.

A complaint of Synod's Board of Trustees against Third New York Congregation was received. Presbytery instructed the

Third New York Congregation to meet the financial demands made upon it by said Board before the coming meeting of Synod.

We recommend Mrs. Mary A. Yates and family to receive a share in the Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers.

Our Traveling Fund is full, and our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL M'NAUGHER, Clerk.

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

Philadelphia Presbytery would respectfully report:

Since the last meeting of Synod we have held two regular and two special meetings of Presbytery. We have now but four congregations in our bounds, Conococheague being disorganized by the death of Elder McCoy.

Rev. T. Holmes Walker still preaches there part of his time as stated supply. During the year our Presbytery has been strengthened and greatly cheered by the addition of three ministerial members, Rev. E. F. Sherman and Rev. Fergus Slater from the M. E. Church and Rev. W. M. Hunter from the Presbyterian Church. These brethren have been led into the communion of our Church, we believe, from a true and conscientious conviction of duty. They are all earnest and energetic Christian gentlemen, and are heartily recommended to the fellowship of the whole Church.

We have two Licentiates, Mr. Moses Greenberg and Mr. G. W. F. Benn. Mr. Greenberg is laboring very successfully in the Jewish Mission in Philadelphia, and the time of Mr. Benn, with the exception of the Seminary term, is at the disposal of Synod. Likewise the full time of Messrs. Hunter and Slater is at Synod's disposal.

Mr. Sherman wishes appointment for the summer months.

A. Waldo Stevenson, a student of theology under the care of Presbytery, has not yet entered Seminary.

We have also upon our roll the Rev. A. W. Johnston, of Northwood, Ohio, and Rev. N. R. Johnston, of Oakland, Cal. Work is being done by our congregations among the Italians and Syrians and sailors.

Our Traveling Fund is full and our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

A bequest of $3,000 has been left by Mrs. Eliza Coulter, lately deceased, of Baltimore Congregation, to Synod, to be distributed as follows: $1,000 to the Theological Seminary; $1,000 to the Board of Foreign Missions; $1,000 to the Central Board of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. MONTGOMERY, Clerk.

ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Rochester Presbytery would respectfully report:

Since the last meeting of Synod we have held two regular meetings and one special meeting. We have six Congregations, the same as reported last year. All of our Congregations are under regularly settled pastors, two installations having been conducted during the year just closed. The first of these was that of Rev. J. M. Faris, received by certificate from Ohio Presbytery into the pastorate of Sterling Congregation, June 17, 1897; the second that of Rev. Charles Clyde, received by certificate from Lakes Presbytery into the pastorate of Lochiel Congregation, July 8, 1897.

In connection with the meeting of Presbytery in August last, a Convention of the Young People of the Presbytery was held at Syracuse, N. Y., which awakened a deep interest in vital religious questions, and also bound more firmly together the young people. And Presbytery has arranged for holding a similar convention August 30, 1898, at York, N. Y.

Fast and Thanksgiving days have been observed.

We recommend Mrs. Lydia French for aid from the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GILMORE, Clerk.

PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.

Pittsburgh Presbytery would respectfully report:

That since the last meeting of Synod we have held two regular meetings and one *pro re nata*. The work of the Lord has been carried on in a quiet and, we trust, in an efficient manner. There have been some changes in our bounds.

J. B. McIsaac, pastor of Brookland and Manchester Congregation, has withdrawn from our Communion and connected himself, April 28, 1898, with the United Presbyterian Church.

Dr. David Metheny, long a faithful and efficient physician, missionary and minister of Christ, was called to his reward June 4, 1897.

Two calls have been made during the year—one by North Union Congregation on Licentiate F. M. Willson, and the other by College Hill Congregation on Licentiate R. H. Martin. As both of these calls were upon licentiates who had not completed their seminary course, they were so disposed of as to be met by the candidates at the close of their seminary course.

By direction of last Synod, the following names were replaced upon our roll: D. Metheny, J. S. Stewart, R. J. Dodds.

R. C. Allen was received on certificate from the Presbytery of Rochester.

W. W. Carithers was, by his own request, transferred to the Kansas Presbytery.

Licentiate Louis Meyer, having accepted a call from Lake Reno Congregation, was transferred to Iowa Presbytery.

Licentiate W. M. George, having accepted a call from Brooklyn Congregation, was transferred to New York Presbytery.

Licentiate W. T. K. Thompson, having accepted a call from St. John and Barnesville Congregations, was transferred to the Presbytery of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

We have twenty-seven Congregations, the same as in our last report, and thirty-six ministers—a net increase of one. Our vacancies are Brookland and Manchester, Clarksburgh, College Hill, Salem, Youngstown, North Union and Middletown, although the last three named have stated supplies; so, also, has our only mission station—Centerville. Eighteen of our ministers are stated pastors, two of the number having double charges, two acting as stated supplies part of their time, and one giving three-fourths of his time to Sabbath Reform work. We have the same number—eighteen—not in the pastorate, two seminary professors, two college professors, one in the employ of the National Reform Association and another in that of Synod in the work of Testimony Bearing. Six, through infirmity, are incapacitated for work. One is disabled, and the full time of the remaining one is at the disposal of Synod.

The following were by the Presbytery licensed to preach: J. K. Robb, December 20, 1897, and C. A. Dodds, M. M. Pearce, J. C. Slater, R. J. G. McKnight and Jas. S. McGaw, April 12, 1898.

Our licentiates are J. M. Coleman, William McKinney, D. O. Jack, James McCune, M. M. Pearce, C. A. Dodds, R. J. G. McKnight, J. C. Slater, James S. McGaw and J. K. Robb.

Our students of theology are J. T. Mitchell and the six students licensed during the year.

The full time of the following laborers is at the disposal of Synod: William McKinney, James McCune, D. O. Jack and R. C. Allen; also, the vacation months of Students Pearce, Dodds, McKnight, McGaw, Robb and Slater.

We ask for the full time of one laborer for the coming year.

The request of Professor J. M. Coleman for ordination to the ministry has been referred to Synod for action.

Presbytery recommends East End Congregation to Synod for $600 to help pay the interest on church mortgage.

It also recommends Mrs. Nancy Reid, Mrs. Laura Speer, Mrs. D. G. Thompson and Mrs. James Love to Synod for their share in Funds for Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers, and J. R. Baird, J. L. McCartney, J. C. K. Faris and J. J. McClurkin for their share in Aged Ministers' Fund.

Our quota to Traveling Fund is reported full.

Our statistical report was duly forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

J. S. MARTIN, Clerk.

OHIO PRESBYTERY.

The Ohio Presbytery would respectfully report:

The Presbytery includes seven Congregations and one mission station. Only two of these have pastors. Mansfield is under the care of the Board. Two of the others hope soon to obtain pastors. Four ministers belong to the Presbytery, two of whom are pastors; one is no longer able for active work, and the time of the other—George Benaugh—is at the disposal of Synod.

One meeting of Presbytery has been held since the last meeting of Synod, at which R. H. Martin and F. M. Wilson gave trials, and were licensed to preach the Gospel. The time of Mr. Martin for June and July and from January 1 till the next meeting of Synod is at the disposal of Synod; also, the time of Mr. Wilson from January 1 until Synod.

R. B. Cannon was recommended for a share in the distribution of the Fund for Aged Ministers.

The Presbytery asks for the entire time of one laborer and one-fourth time of another for the year.

So far as we know the days of fasting and thanksgiving have been observed by our Congregations.

Our statistical report was forwarded in due time to the Statistical Clerk.

J. S. THOMPSON, Clerk.

LAKES PRESBYTERY.

The Lakes Presbytery would respectfully report:

That during the Synodical year one regular meeting has been held, and this was not very well attended on the part of the elders, only one-half of our Congregations being represented.

We have eight Congregations and one mission station; six ministers, five of whom are pastors, and one a stated supply; one licentiate, Walter McCarroll, whose time is at the disposal of Synod until the opening of the seminary.

Rev. Charles Clyde, having accepted a call to Lochiel Congregation, was transferred to Rochester Presbytery.

At our fall meeting Walter McCarroll presented, in part, trials for licensure, which were heartily sustained.

This year as a Presbytery we can report progress. While there was a decrease last year in our membership and contributions, this year we have a net gain of nineteen members and an increase in contributions of $1,305.

Rev. T. C. Sproull has been continued stated supply at Fair Grove.

Cedarville is still vacant, with a prospect of settlement soon.

Rev. C. McLeod Smith was ordained and installed over Cedar Lake Congregation, April 14, 1898, by Commission of Presbytery, and Walter McCarroll was licensed at the same time to preach the Gospel.

We embody in our report a short report of our Jewish Mission in Cincinnati, as follows:

The work among the Jews in Cincinnati is supervised by an executive committee of two ladies of the Missionary Society and Rev. J. C. Smith. The only regular worker is Miss Mary Patterson. She is helped by the ladies of the Congregation. For two months meetings were held once a week in a hall on Plum and Fifth streets. The expense, the difficulty in getting suitable room and limited success led us to relinquish this work for the present. Miss Patterson has been doing better work this year than ever before. We ask an appropriation of $500 for carrying on this work.

Mrs. Isabella Milroy and Mrs. Susan Love are recommended to receive $250 each from the Fund for the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers.

Days of humiliation and thanksgiving, as far as known to us, have been observed by our Congregations.

We ask the one-half time of one laborer for Cedarville until settlement.

Our statistical report has been submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

P. P. BOYD, Clerk.

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Illinois Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have had one regular meeting during the year.

There are nine Congregations and seven ministers under the care of Presbytery. Five Congregations have settled pastors. S. Kingston is stated supply at Selma. St. Louis is under the care of the Central Board of Missions. Old Bethel has lately made a call on Licentiate E. A. Crooks. Rev. M. A. Gault is editor of the *Christian Cynosure*, of Chicago. Mr. Harry Hunter, who has now finished his first year in the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary, was taken under the care of Presbytery at its last regular meeting, but for the present has accepted a chair in Geneva College.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the proper committee in good time.

The time of one laborer is provisionally asked for.

Mrs. W. F. George is recommended to receive $100 from the Fund for the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers. This covers only the actual needs in this case.

Presbytery's quota of Synod's Traveling Fund is full.

R. M. BLACKWOOD, Clerk.

IOWA PRESBYTERY.

Iowa Presbytery would report:

That we have held two regular meetings during the year. At our fall meeting the four students of theology under our care

gave, in part, their trials for licensure. Of these, Mr. W. E. Carson, a young man of much promise, departed this life in October, 1897. John M. Johnson, on account of protracted and serious sickness, was under the necessity of abandoning his studies for the rest of the second year. S. J. Johnson and A. A. Samson were on May 4, 1898, by our Presbytery duly licensed to preach the Gospel. The time of these licentiates until the opening of the seminary term and the full time of G. R. McBurney, minister, and E. H. Buck is at the disposal of Synod.

Louis Meyer was by a Commission of Presbytery ordained to the office of the gospel ministry, and installed pastor of the Congregation of Lake Reno, whose call had been accepted by Mr. Meyer.

The Congregation of Chicago is recommended to the Board of Church Erection for aid in building of a church the amount desired being $2,000.

Two vacancies are under our care—Hopkinton and Hickory Grove.

We hope that Hopkinton, which is self-sustaining, will soon secure a pastor. Hickory Grove needs the help of the Church.

We ask for the full time of one laborer and the half time of one.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. ALLEN, Clerk.

KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Kansas Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held two regular meetings since our last report.

We have under our care seventeen Congregations and one mission station—Cache Creek Mission, among the Indians. Of these, nine have the oversight of settled pastors; two, Wahoo and Topeka, are under the care of the Central Board; six, Superior, Beulah, Holmwood, College Springs, Quinter and North Cedar, receive supplies through Presbytery. The five first mentioned above, helped by appropriation of Synod, maintain preaching about one-third of the time.

The Congregation of Sterling has been recommended to the Board of Sustentation for aid.

God's hand has been good to us, opening in the way of bountiful harvests, through seasonable rains and sunshine.

We have now on our roll seventeen ministers, Rev. W. W. Carithers, laboring in the Indian Mission, having been received at our fall meeting by certificate from Pittsburgh Presbytery. Nine have regular pastorates. Rev. Elmer McBurney is still laboring as a missionary in China, and Rev. J. Boggs Dodds is laboring as a missionary at Suadia.

Two licentiates are under our care, Messrs. E. A. Crooks and A. M. Thompson. Mr. A. M. Thompson is laboring in Ireland. A call is pending in case of Mr. Crooks from Old Bethel Congre-

gation. The time of Rev. J. A. Thompson is at disposal of Synod.

The time of Mr. E. A. Crooks is also at disposal of Synod.

The time of S. M. Stevenson is at disposal of Synod for three months.

Mrs. W. W. McMillan and Mrs. J. H. Wylie are recommended for aid to the Fund for Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers to the amount of $250 each. Mrs. Belle T. Dodds is also recommended to the same fund for aid to the amount of $200.

The great questions of needed reform have received much attention this year in Kansas Presbytery, such as National Reform in the special direction of Testimony Bearing, Anti-Secrecy and Temperance.

Synod's Lecturer on Testimony Bearing received a large and we trust it will prove a fruitful hearing.

Rev. Edward Ronayne, an unimpeachable authority on Free Masonry, spent several weeks in the bounds of our Presbytery witnessing against this great evil.

The semi-centennial celebration of the licensure of Dr. H. P. McClurkin was happily observed at our last meeting, in April, at Topeka, Kan.

We ask for one-half time of one laborer for the year.

Our statistical report has been forwarded.

The Congregation of Long Branch, Blanchard, Ia., is recommended to the Board of Church Erection to the amount of $1,000.

We gratefully record the fact that death has not invaded our ranks this year, and also that all our meetings have been characterized by a spirit of brotherly love and good will.

WM. C. PADEN, Clerk.

COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Colorado Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held several called meetings and one regular meeting during the year.

Colorado Presbytery has five ministers, four Congregations, three of which have settled pastorates, and 243 communicants. During the year there were twenty-five increase in membership and fifteen decrease. There were $4,610 contributed to the various benevolent objects.

E. H. Buck, licentiate, has been laboring during the year in La Junta Congregation.

David McAllister, Jr., was suspended from the ministry.

Rev. J. M. Armour is recommended for $400 from the Aged Ministers' Fund.

Communions were held in all our Congregations during the year.

Since the Church has expended much labor and money in planting churches in the western part of our country, where civ-

ilization is yet in a formative condition, and as the laborers there are hindered by heavy Church debts, we ask Synod at this meeting to arrange, through the Board of Church Erection, for paying the debt on the Seattle Church during the present Synodical year, and arrange to pay the debt on Denver Church during the following year.

To aid us in reaching as large a portion of society as possible, we ask for an appropriation of $50 for a Literature Fund, to be used only under the supervision of the Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES PATTON, Clerk.

Committee on Discipline reported. Report was received and was taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. It was moved and passed that the parties be directed to submit their differences to arbitration. The matter was then referred back to Lakes Presbytery.

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Item 2. Papers in the case were read, and the sentence appealed from. The parties were heard.

W. J. McKnight spoke for James Park, the appellant.

G. M. Robb spoke for Rochester Presbytery.

W. J. McKnight spoke a second time.

The parties were removed.

The appeal was not sustained.

Items 3 and 4 were adopted.

Report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Discipline.

The Committee of Discipline respectfully reports:

The following papers have been referred to your committee:

1. The petition of R. F. Boyd, for relief from what he regards as injustice in the action of Synod last year in dismissing his complaint and appeal against a decision of Lakes Presbytery on a mere technicality. This paper is transferred, is respectful in form, and is ready to be heard by Synod.

It is the unanimous opinion of the committee that the complainant in this case has rights that have not been fully adjudicated; but as Synod, by its Judicial Commission of last year, dismissed the case, and no new evidence has been before us, we do not feel competent to recommend any course for the action of Synod.

2. The appeal of James Park from the decision of Rochester Presbytery is regular and ready for the action of Synod.

3. The request of a professor in Geneva College for ordination referred to Synod by Lakes Presbytery.

4. A similar request referred to Synod by Pittsburgh Presbytery.

To these requests we answer:

That the Form of Church Government is explicit on the doc-

trine of ordination. However reluctant we are to discourage any one "who desires the office of a Bishop," we cannot set aside the fundamental principles of Presbyterial Church Government to favor any one in the matter.

The following is the language of our Book of Church Government:

Page 41. "Touching the Doctrine of Ordination." "No man ought to take upon himself the office of a minister of the Word without a lawful calling." These words are repeated verbatim on page 46, article 1.

Page 48. "Directory for the Ordination of Ministers" reads: "It being manifest by the Word of God that no man ought to take upon him the office of a minister of the Gospel until he be lawfully called and ordained thereunto, and that the work of ordination is to be performed with all due care, wisdom, gravity and solemnity, we humbly tender these directions as requisite to be observed:

1. He that is to be ordained, being either nominated by the people or otherwise commended to the Presbytery for any place, must address himself to the Presbytery, etc., etc., etc.

2. . . . Presbytery are to proceed . . . . to examine him touching his learning and sufficiency; and touching the evidences of his calling to the Holy Ministry; and, in particular, his fair and direct calling to that place."

The "lawful calling," on pages 41 and 46, and "the fair and direct calling," on page 49, which is declared necessary to ordination, your committee judge to be:

1. The choice and formal call by a particular Congregation of a man to be their minister.

2. The choice and call of a Church Court, in the name of and representing the Church, of a man to be a missionary to some particular field.

We judge that the ordination of any one at his own request without such a call is not warranted by our Book of Church Government, and is contrary to Presbyterian order; therefore,

Resolved, That these requests be not granted.

J. McCRACKEN,
R. HARGRAVE,
J. B. GILMORE,
JOHN HUNTER,
A. M. ARMSTRONG,
Committee.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Court that as Mr. James Park has exhausted all available means for the discontinuance of electric lamps in the Syracuse Church, he is thereby freed of all responsibility for their use, and may attend all the meetings on the Sabbath without participating in the responsibility.

S. McNaugher, Jr., McFall, Meyer, E. M. Coleman, received leave of absence for the remaining sessions of Synod.

Rule was suspended, and Synod adjourned until 8:30 Wednesday morning.

Prayer by J. G. Reed.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Wednesday morning, 8:30 o'clock, June 8, 1898.

Synod came to order and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Minutes were read and approved.

R. J. George entered his protest against the adoption of "item 4," in Report of Committee of Discipline. It is as follows:

Protest.

I hereby protest against the action of Synod in refusing the request of Professor James M. Coleman to be ordained to the office of the Ministry, for the following reasons:

1. Because Professor Coleman has pursued his studies with a view to the Ministry in the institutions of our Church, the college and seminary, until, having completed a three years' course in the Theological Seminary, he was regularly licensed to preach the Gospel.

Since which time he has pursued advanced studies in political science in the Universities of Ann Arbor, Wisconsin, and Chicago, while his theological attainments have been advanced by regular studies in the preaching of the Word.

2. Because that in filling the position as Professor of Political Philosophy, in Geneva College, to which the Church has called him, Mr. Coleman has not turned aside from the proper work of the Ministry. When the distinct office of College Pastor was discontinued by the College Board, the duties of that office were, by the action of the Board, distributed among the members of the faculty, who were charged with the care of souls, and in the discharge of this pastoral duty, Professor Coleman is required to preach regularly in the college. To refuse to clothe with official authority, one who is regularly and permanently called by the authority of the Church to preach the Word ministerially, is unpresbyterian and unscriptural.

3. The position of Professor Coleman as Professor of Political Science in Geneva College, affords him frequent opportunity to hear testimony for the royal claims of our Lord Jesus Christ. The refusal of this Synod to clothe him with that ministerial office which would strengthen his claim to be admitted to the pulpits of sister Churches, and which would invest him with full authority as a witness for the truth, is a wrong done to a servant of Jesus Christ, and to Christ Himself.

4. This action is out of harmony with Synod's former action in similar cases.

(Signed.) R. J. GEORGE.

Committee on Railroads reported.
Report was received, adopted and is as follows:

Committee on Railroads.

The undersigned appointed to secure reduction of railroad rates to this meeting of Synod, would report that the matter of making application to the different associations was placed in the hands of Mr. John W. Pritchard. The usual reduction of a return rate of one-third fare to all who paid full fare coming to Synod and took certificates, has been granted by the Trunk Line, the Central and Western Passenger Associations. The expense for the special agent in attendance on this meeting of Synod is $11, provision for the payment of which should be made.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. TRUMBULL,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools was taken from the table and taken up, item by item, for adoption.
Item 1 was amended and adopted.
Item 2 was amended and adopted.
Report was amended, adopted and is as follows:

Sabbath Schools.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools would respectfully report:

The fundamental purpose of the Sabbath School is two-fold: viz., The study of the Word, and the spreading of it. Whatever may be found of practical advantage in either of these lines of effort is important to ultimate success. As an opportunity for the study of the Word, the Sabbath School is coming each year into more prominent recognition among the Churches. The majority of the reports we have received from the various congregations, show the membership awakening as to opportunity and privilege in this regard. It is possible for the hearts of the people of God to burn within them while the Master talks with them by the way, to-day, as of old. Conscious communion with each other, and unconscious communion with the risen Lord, will characterize the experience of believers to the end of time, as their minds and hearts are occupied with the things of Christ.

As an opportunity for the spread of the Gospel, the Sabbath School affords the membership a most efficient method for labor-

ing for the evangelization of the world about them. It is the opportunity of bringing those known to be out of Christ into touch with the living and vivifying Word. This privilege, the believer can scarcely overestimate, while there is one near out of Christ. There is the possibility of living within the sound of the church bell, within the sight of the people of God finding their way to the sanctuary, and yet ignorant of the gracious provision God has made in the person of His Son. Can they but be persuaded to unite in the study of saving truth, the divinely appointed means for creating hungering and thirsting for the bread and water of life, are in exercise.

That the membership of the Church is awakening to this privilege of rendering service to God for the salvation of the lost, is evidenced in the fact that almost one-third of those in attendance upon Sabbath School instruction are mission scholars not identified with any other denomination. This is most gratifying and affords great hope for the future. While the membership is thus devotedly engaged in bringing the world into the light of salvation, the heart of the pulpit should pulsate with increased vigor in the proclamation of the truth.

The fewest of our schools afford regular instruction in the distinctive principles of the Church.

When we remember that the Church depends largely upon the literature provided by sister denominations through their boards of publication, and that in connection with lessons, which, for the most part, afford little opportunity for giving systematic instruction in the distinctive principles, we are impressed with the importance and necessity of regular and systematic instruction in the standards of the Church. One of the most successful schools in the Church, so far as we have received report, is supplemented with a class that meets weekly under the direction of the pastor for the study of these. Another pastor, in connection with whose Church is a successful school, suggests the method they have in successful operation, called the graded system. It requires that all scholars in connection with the school, before being allowed to enter the classes for the study of the international lessons, shall complete the study of the standards of the Church.

This we deem practicable in securing the thorough and general study of these doctrines, and will make the Sabbath School to be what it claims to be, the door of entrance into the Church. We can expect Covenanter ingathering, only to the degree there is Covenanter sowing. Whatsoever the Church soweth that shall she also reap.

The reports from the various congregations indicate that, to a very slight degree, the Sabbath School takes the place of parental instruction. For the most part it is held as being a stimulus to home instruction, and that the two are of mutual benefit.

We recommend: 1. That Synod recommends to our Sabbath Schools the use of the graded system.

2. That all our Schools be recommended to study the standards of our Church.

(Signed.)

H. G. FOSTER,
JOHN C. FRENCH,
W. R. WALLACE,
JOHN AIKIN,
Of the Committee.

Committee on Traveling Fund reported.
Report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

Traveling Fund.

The Committee on Traveling Fund would respectfully report: The quotas from Presbyteries amount to $2,847. The total expense of delegates is $2,741.67. The expense of railroad agent is $11. Total excess of quotas over expenses of delegates, $116.33. Excess less expense of railroad agent, $105.33.

The following is the tabulated statement:

Delgs.	Presbyteries.	Quota.	Exp.	Def.	Surp.	Due to Presby.	Due from Presby.	Reb.
3	N. B. & N. S...	$42.00	$86.57	$44.57	.....	$46.13	.....	$1.56
13	Iowa	240.90	411.40	170.50	.....	179.42	.....	8.92
12	Lakes	174.60	253.19	78.59	.....	85.05	.....	6.46
13	Kansas	413.70	513.72	100.02	.....	115.30	.....	15.28
35	Pittsburgh ...	649.80	613.84	.....	$35.96	.....	$11.94	24.02
11	Illinois	264.30	373.52	109.22	.....	119.09	.....	9.87
2	Ohio	102.90	38.92	.....	63.98	.....	60.18	3.80
3	Colorado	64.80	146.81	82.01	.....	84.41	.....	2.40
2	Vermont	40.50	34.57	.....	5.93	.....	4.41	1.52
7	Philadelphia ..	201.90	57.30	.....	144.60	.....	137.21	7.39
10	Rochester	110,70	84.28	.....	26.42	.....	22.32	4.10
24	New York	540.90	116.55	.....	424.35	.....	404.34	20.01
135		$2,847.00	$2,741.67	$584.91	$701.24	$629.40	$640.40	$105.33

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. ROBB,
S. M'NAUGHER,
THOS. M'FALL,
W. C. DOIG,
JAMES SERVICE.

Committee on the Signs of Times reported.
Report was received, adopted and is as follows:

Signs of the Times.

In the midst of the wonderful events of the year, the observant Christian sees many things that gladden the heart. Even in the terrible disturbances that are agitating society, there are those evidences of the overruling hand of the Lord, which make the heart rejoice while it trembles. It is most fitting here to notice in particular, one thing—the opportunity that God is af-

fording the Church. This is our golden opportunity to press to the very hearts of thinking men and women the claims of the enthroned Mediator. The providences through which we are passing prepare the soil for the reception of the most radical truth, and prepare it in a way that we have not witnessed for more than a quarter of a century. God is calling thoughtful men to the front—young men through the college and seminary, and men of mature mind and well-settled convictions from the communion of other Churches; and surely there was never a period in our history that was more encouraging to our Church than the present. It is right to note these marked indications of the Master's presence in, and supervision of, the work to which He has assigned us.

We, therefore, recommend that due notice be taken of these and similar manifestations of the divine goodness. And as it has long been the seemly custom of the President of the United States to call upon the people of the whole land to observe the duty of giving thanks to God, we recommend our people to observe the day so designated, and along with the tokens of general prosperity or special favor that he may note, coupled with thankful hearts, a remembrance of His goodness to us as a Church. God has risen out of His place to shake terribly the earth. He has plucked His hand from His bosom, and He will not return it again until He hath brought forth judgment unto righteousness. Does He not speak so that we can to-day hear His tender, pleading voice saying: "Come my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee; hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity. The earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain."

Surely, if ever we were called upon to humble ourselves, it is now. Surely, if ever we were called to plead with God that He would take our nation close to Himself and make it not only great, but good, it is now, when He seems about "to go and take Him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptation, by signs, and by wonders, and by war." And if our nation is to be used in the providence of God, for the deliverance of the oppressed, and the liberation of the lawful captive, our nation needs the baptism that can only come from on high. Our most profound sense of justice demands the release of Cuba from a debasing and oppressive and tyrannical power. But we stand astonished and silent before the terrible fact that already the appeal to war has been made. Our sons are on the field. Our homes are filled with the indescribable dread of the future; and we know that the hand of a righteous God casts the shadow of the sword so that it falls on us. Nor can we forget that ours is a nation laden with iniquity—such iniquity as has called down God's sore visitations upon nations in the past; such iniquity as is solemnly rebuked in His word—iniquity that can escape punishment only by sincere repentance and reformation. And for

this should we devoutly seek. "Pray for the peace of the city, for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace."

We recommend:

1. That Thursday, June 28, 1898, be set apart as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer; and our people are all directed to spend the day in contrition, humble, personal confession and earnest supplication to God on behalf of the nation.

2. That we most respectfully but earnestly memorialize the President of the United States, following the noble example of Abraham Lincoln, in 1863, to proclaim a fast, and call upon all the citizens of this land in the name of Christ, to observe a day of sincere and humble fasting and prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. ROBB, Committee.

Committee on Theological Seminary and Education reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

Theological Seminary and Education.

We note with pleasure the unprecedented prosperity that has attended both the Seminary and College during the past year. We heartily approve of the endeavors on the part of both the Board and the Faculty to place the educational facilities of Geneva in the forefront of colleges of the same rank. And while we express our sympathy with the President of the College and others whom the sad experiences of the year have touched with sorrow, we at the same time rejoice that these have left a marked impress on the deeper spirituality which has been a most commendable feature of the work in both our institutions.

The collection of the New Endowment notes (a considerable amount of which is still unpaid) and of the interest when payment is still further deferred, as suggested by the Board of Corporators, meets with the unqualified approval and support of Synod.

We recommend:

1. That Synod's treasurer be directed to take steps for the collection of these notes and interest.

2. That the liquidating of the debt on the College Grounds and Science Hall, with the equipment of the latter to meet the demands of the work of that department, be commended to the liberality of the Church and the friends of the College.

3. That the College share equally with the Seminary in the collection for the Library Fund.

4. That the time for the closing exercises of the Seminary be changed to the first Tuesday after the fourth Tuesday of April.

5. That, in view of the steady decrease in the Students' Aid Fund, the distribution of this fund shall be placed upon the following basis:

(a). All money drawn from this fund shall be considered as a

loan to the student on the following conditions: When the student receiving aid from this fund shall have completed his course and shall have been settled in charge of a congregation from which he receives the minimum salary designated by Synod, or otherwise engaged at corresponding salary, he shall return to the Treasurer of this fund the total amount drawn therefrom in yearly installments, which shall not be less than a sum equal to 5 per cent. of the salary received.

In case no such settlement is effected the return of the loan shall be optional, unless the borrower shall leave the ministry of the Ref. Pres. Church—in which case he shall return the principal with interest.

(b). Students who are required to spend the whole of the Seminary year following licensure in the Seminary may receive from this Fund a sum not exceeding 60 per cent. of the amount received by students of the first and second years.

(c). No student shall receive more than $175 per year.

(d). The loans when returned to the Treasurer shall be placed to the credit of the current expenses of the Fund.

6. That the Treasurer be directed to take steps to collect from ministers who have left the Church the amount drawn from this fund when they were students.

7. That Synod authorize the publication of Rev. W. M. Glasgow's Historical Catalogue of the Theological Seminary of R. P. Church, and appropriate not more than $50 from the Library Fund to meet the expense of publication—which amount is to be returned from the sale of the book.

8. That Rev. T. P. Stevenson and Elders D. Boyd and W. R. Sterrett, whose terms on the Board of Superintendents of the Seminary have expired, be elected their own successors.

9. That Thos. E. Greacen be elected his own successor as Synodical member on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

10. That the arranging for any extra lectures in the Seminary be left to the Board of Superintendents, in connection with the Professors.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. EDGAR,
J. M. FARIS,
B. M. SHARP,
R. A. BOLE,
A. S. GILCHRIST.

Theological Seminary.

Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary:

The session of the Seminary began on the 14th day of September, 1897. There were enrolled twenty-eight students, the

largest attendance in the history of the Seminary. Of these nine were of the fourth year, viz., Elza Allen Crooks, William McCleod George, Moses Greenberg, David Owen Jack, James McCune, Louis Meyer, Calvin McCleod Smith, Albert Melville Thompson and William Thomas Knox Thompson.

Four were of the third year, viz., Renwick Harper Martin, John Knox Robb, William John Sanderson and Findley McClurkin Wilson.

Fourteen were of the second year, viz., George Francis Wesley Benn, William Elsey Carson, Calvin Augustine Dodds, John McClean Johnson, Samuel James Johnson, Philip Sidney Johnston, Walter McCarroll, James Stewart McGaw, Robert James George McKnight, McCleod Milligan Pearce, John Henderson Pritchard, Arthur Argyle Samson and John Cargill Slater.

Two were of the first year, viz., Harry Hunter and James Thompson Mitchell.

Two of the students of the second year class, namely, William Elsey Carson and Philip Sidney Johnston, died during the session, the first time in the history of the Seminary any of those in attendance have been removed by death. The former passed away on Sabbath night, October 17th, 1897, and the latter on the 10th of December. Both gave encouraging promise that if spared they would have proved efficient workers in the ministry. While we are unable to understand the strange Providence by which two candidates for the Christian ministry of such promise were thus early in life removed, we know that it is among the all things working for good, and bow in humble submission to the Divine will. In His own time and way God will make it all plain. Although there was an unusual number of cases of sickness among the students during the session, none of the other cases proved to be serious except that of John M. Johnson, who did not attend the Seminary after November 19th, not having recovered his strength sufficiently to enable him to prosecute his studies.

The Board held two meetings, one on the 23d of December, 1897, and the other on the 5th of April, 1898. All of the examinations, oral and written, and the discourses were sustained. At the former meeting diplomas were given to the students of the fourth year and certificates to their respective presbyteries for licensure to those of the third year. At the latter meeting the second year students, with the exception of John M. Johnston, were certified to their respective presbyteries as having completed the second year at the Seminary. The attention of the Board was called by the professors in their report to the additional work required of the students of the second year as the result of the change in the length of the term. The students must now prepare their trial pieces for Presbytery in the midst of their Seminary work.

It was resolved that the attention of Synod be called to the propriety of changing the date for holding the closing exercises of the Seminary to the first Tuesday after the fourth Tuesday of April.

Heretofore only unlicensed students received a share of the Students' Fund. As licentiates have now only about four months to labor during the summer, and as on account of the large number of laborers it is not likely their time will be fully taken, the Board recommend such a change in the regulations relating to the distribution of this fund, that those students who have completed the second year at the Seminary, and who are required to attend during the entire session of the next year, shall receive sixty per cent. of the amount given to those of the first and second years.

The attention of Synod is called to the condition of this fund. It has steadily decreased during the past few years.

The Board, in accordance with Synod's direction, took action with reference to instruction in Elocution and Vocal Music. $3.00 were appropriated to each student to help pay for lessons in the former, the students to make their own arrangements. Prof. Lafferty was employed to give twelve lessons in the latter between the beginning of the session and the holidays. The instruction in both elocution and music was, we believe, of advantage to the students.

The Board, having learned that Rev. W. M. Glasgow has prepared a history of the Seminary from the beginning until the present time, would recommend Synod to authorize the Board to have the said history published.

A committee, consisting of Drs. Stevenson and Sommerville, has been appointed to consider the propriety of arranging for a short series of special lectures on missions and other subjects to be delivered before the students during the Seminary course, said committee to report to the Board during this meeting of Synod.

The terms for which Revs. T. P. Stevenson, D. Boyd and W. R. Sterrett were elected have expired.

T. P. STEVENSON, Chairman.
J. W. SPROULL, Secretary.

Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

To the Moderator and Other Members of Synod:

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College has received and approved the report of its Board of Trustees for the college year just closed, and has directed that it be submitted to Synod. The report contains much to encourage and little to discourage the friends of the college throughout the church.

The special attention of Synod is asked to the efforts which are being made to push the scientific department to a front place, as compared with this department in other colleges of the country. With this end in view, Prof. William McCracken is devoting years to advanced studies, and the church should aim to place in the new Science Hall the very best equipment possible, so that she may reap to the full extent the fruits of his labor.

President Johnson is staggering under a heavy financial burden, undertaken by him in the purchase of additional grounds for the benefit of the college, as reported last year. He should not be permitted to struggle alone, but the friends of the institution should rally to his support, and as speedily as possible lift the wearying burden from his shoulders by liquidating the debt.

A considerable amount of the New Endowment notes is still unpaid. When these notes were given it was understood that the time could be extended, provided the interest could be kept paid up. It is now several years since the last of these notes fell due, and it is the judgment of the Board of Corporators that they should be collected as soon as possible, and they have directed the Board of Trustees to make special effort to that end this year, and where payment is deferred to insist upon the fulfillment of the condition, by prompt payment of the interest. We ask the Synod to support the Treasurer by its approval of these efforts. If any funds should be placed at the disposal of Synod at this meeting, the claims of the college should be considered.

We ask that the college should share equally with the Theological Seminary in the collection for the Library Fund.

The term for which Thomas E. Greacen was elected synodical member of the Board of Corporators has expired, and his successor should be chosen.

Rev. J. R. Wylie, secretary of the Board of Trustees, has been appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. STEVENSON, President.
R. J. GEORGE, Secretary.

Board of Trustees of Geneva College.

To the Board of Corporators of Geneva College:

Gentlemen: The Board of Trustees of Geneva College, in presenting their annual report, bears testimony to the goodness of God toward the institution under our care. Through His kind providence faculty and students have diligently prosecuted their work during the school year.

The faithful president of the college, Dr. W. P. Johnston, has again been sorely tried, in the removal by death of his eldest and beloved son, Philip Sidney Johnston, a young man of much promise, a graduate of the college, and a student of the Theological Seminary, and soon to receive licensure to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By God's sustaining grace Mr. Johnston has been able to carry forward his part of college labor without serious interruption.

The sympathy of the Board, students and friends of the college went out to Mr. Johnston and family in their sore bereavement.

Faculty.

Shortly after submitting our last report to you the Board elected for one year Miss May E. Faris, assistant instructor in the Academic Department. The work of Miss Faris gave satisfaction, and she has been re-elected to the same position for another year.

Prof. Wm. McCracken, absent from college by permission, and pursuing advanced study in the University of Chicago, sent to us from his instructors testimonials of faithfulness in his studies. They also intimated to us that Mr. McCracken had been chosen to the position of Fellow in the University for next year.

Mr. McCracken, believing that another year's study would greatly increase his usefulness as an instructor, asked and obtained leave of absence for another year. Prof. Archibald R. McCracken, whose labors in the Department of Natural Science were quite efficient, was re-elected to the same position for next year.

Prof. J. M. Coleman has been pursuing special study in his department during summer vacations.—Last summer in the Chicago University and at the present time he is engaged in study at the Wisconsin University. Prof. J. Herbert Morton, for the past two years in charge of the Academic Department and Gymnasium, rendered good service to the college and was re-elected for another year, but Mr. Morton, desirous of entering his chosen profession, declined the appointment. The position was filled by the eelction of Mr. Harry Hunter, Class of 1897, Geneva College, to the charge of the Academic Department and by the choice of Mr. J. H. Thompson to the charge of the gymnasium. These gentlemen are highly recommended for the positions assigned them.

Course of Study.

We have already reported to you the change in the Scientific Course of instruction, so as to require the same length of time to complete it as is required to complete the classical course, also that the Academic course had been so lengthened as to require three years for its completion. Last year the recitations also were changed from five times each week to four times a week, affording opportunity for additional studies. These changes have given good satisfaction. A system in use in larger colleges for deciding the standing of a student has been adopted. His name is no longer catalogued as in a certain class, but he is credited with the number of hours of work that he has actually given in the college. Each one has his exact standing. This change has resulted in a general clearing up of back work, so that the standing may be as good as possible.

The attendance upon the gymnasium has been compulsory, with good results as to the health of the students. Through the efficient work of Prof. Morton the exercises were so varied that the interest was well kept up throughout the entire year.

A committee of the faculty has acted with the students in directing athletic affairs, so that the abuse through hired players on the college teams has been removed. This practice, though an obvious evil, is largely engaged in by the competing schools, and the schools which do not engage in it are at a disadvantage in winning games, yet all will rejoice in its discontinuance.

Special instruction has been given in Christian Citizenship in a course of lectures by Rev. T. P. Stevenson, D. D. These lectures were well attended, highly appreciated, and will be of lasting benefit to the students by directing their investigations to the teaching of God's word on the great National issues of the day.

Rev. Samuel H. Schwartz, of Illinois, in lectures, gave valuable aid to the students by directing their attention to the evils and dangers of secret organizations.

Mrs. Edholm, of Chicago, spoke on social purity and rescue mission work, and Rev. Hutchinson, of Sandy Lake, Pa., gave an address on Prohibition. This special instruction, in addition to the work of the professors in their several departments, each one of whom seems desirous of reaching the highest degree of excellence, we believe will greatly advance the efficiency of the college work.

Library.

Two hundred dollars have been used in purchasing books and periodicals. Valuable contributions have been made by Dr. D. G. Wylie, of New York City, by Dr. J. H. Coles, of New Jersey, from the Baroness Burdette Coutts, and from the Rev. John Duncan. Books purchased are selected with care under the supervision of the faculty. We desire that, as in the past, funds may be placed at our disposal, that we can place in the library the best literature of the day. You will learn with interest that the number of volumes taken from the library was greater than any previous year.

Spirituality.

President Johnston reports that there is even a higher degree of spirituality than heretofore. For the most part the students are church members.

The Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association have been well attended and have been helpful in acquainting the people with the methods of Christian work and the spirit that makes work successful. The students Volunteer Mission Band has been maintained at its usual strength, and through its influence $200 was raised by the students for the Foreign Mission. Part of this was given to Dr. John G. Paton, but the greater portion was sent to our own mission in Syria. Each year students representing the college go to the Northfield meetings, and quite a band of students attended the Volunteer Missionary Convention at Cleveland. Your Board believes that there are few institutions where the Christian in-

fluences thrown around the students are as favorable as at Geneva, and we say to the Church that if you wish your children to be under good Christian influence and enjoy Covenanter environment as well, send them here.

Attendance.

The attendance has been good. The total number enrolled in the Collegiate and Academic Departments is 153, while those attending the Musical and Oratorical Departments will swell this number to 242. We again call attention to the superior opportunity offered to obtain a complete musical education. The instructors in Voice Culture, on the piano and on stringed instruments are graduates of the best conservatories of music, and teachers of large experience.

The total number graduating this year is 23—five of these from the Classical, seventeen from the Scientific, and one from the Musical departments.

Finances.

We are able to report that the expenses of the college have been kept within its income, leaving us the balance for current expenses as reported last year.

Funds are yet needed for Science Hall, and to meet payment on land secured to the college through efforts of President Johnston.

This ground is now used as an athletic field, but in the future can be employed in any manner that the needs of the college may require.

We ask Synod through the Board of Corporators for a due share of any unappropriated funds that she may have at her disposal.

In closing our report we are grateful for the patronage, for the moral and financial support ofour friends, and we bespeak their confidence and help in the future. We feel that the Church's college offers superior educational advantages. Our aim is that these may grow and increase from year to year. We are not forgetful that this institution was founded as a Christian college. That it has a distinct mission, which is to crown Jesus Lord of all. May the Head of the Church use us in hastening "the promised day."

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. WYLIE, Secretary.

A. KILPATRICK, Chairman of Board.

Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table. The discussion of the motion to accept the invitation to the Saratoga Convention of the Young People's Christian Union of the United Presbyterian Church, was resumed.

A substitute was offered and entertained.

The substitute was adopted by a vote of 46 to 37, and is as follows:

Reply to Invitation.

Synod respectfully acknowledges the receipt of a second invitation from the General Committee of the Young People's Christian Union of the United Presbyterian Church for our young people to unite with them in their annual convention.

In reply to your invitation extended to us last year, Synod said:

"It would afford us great pleasure to accept on behalf of our young people this invitation to unite with brethren who in common with ourselves maintain the purity of worship by the exclusive use of a divinely inspired and authorized Psalter. Our Church, however, maintains a testimony against the use of instrumental music in connection with the praise service as without Divine warrant. We are sure you will recognize the obstacle which this interposes to the immediate acceptance of your gracious invitation."

The renewal of your invitation this year without any reference to the obstacle in our path referred to in our letter to you last year leaves us no alternative. Synod, therefore, expresses its regret that it cannot accept, on behalf of its young people, your invitation to unite in the Convention to be held at Saratoga, N. Y., August 3-8, 1898.

In taking this action Synod begs to assure you, dear brethren, that she is moved only by a sincere purpose to maintain consistently her testimony for purity of worship. This testimony has been transmitted to us by our covenanted fathers in Scotland and Ireland, is the well known historical position of our Church to which her practice has ever been conformed. Accept the assurance of our continued prayers for the Divine blessing on the noble band of Christian young people whom you represent.

Synod engaged in worshiping.

Item 8—Attended to.

Item 9—Referred back to Synod.

Item 10—Report of the committee was received, adopted, and is as follows:

Syrian Presbytery and Re-Baptism of Converts.

Report of Special Committee on Syrian Presbytery.

The Special Committee on Syrian Presbytery respectfully report:

Syrian Presbytery.

Your committee have considered the various papers placed in our hands, and the previous reports to Synod and its action thereon, bearing on this subject.

The Syrian Mission is the term applied to the organization as a missionary association of the missionaries in the Syrian field. It has a constitution and by-laws and under the Board of Foreign Missions, has to do with the educational work, the expenditure of mission funds, and the estimates for work. Its sphere is thus recognized in the following action of Synod in 1895:

"The missionary organizations at present existing, or that may hereafter be formed, shall make the estimates of amounts of money required for carrying on their work in their respective fields, attend to the expenditure of all moneys received from this country, and have charge of the schools." (Minutes, page 185.)

For judicial purposes, as far back as 1874, the following action was taken by Synod:

"That the ministers and elders of our Church in Syria be constituted a Commission to act in all matters that may come before them, and that as such they shall annually report to this Synod. In their meeting, Mr. Beattie, the senior missionary, shall preside as Moderator, and that from and after that time they shall elect their own officers."

In accordance with this edict of Synod, the Syrian Commission was duly constituted November 1, 1874, and Rev. Joseph Beattie was the Moderator and Rev. Henry Easson, Clerk.

In the year 1895, however, the Board of Foreign Missions said in its annual report to Synod:

"It is the opinion of the Board that the time has come when what is known as the Syrian Commission should be formally dissolved, and the ministers and elders in Syria, Asia Minor and Cyprus organized into a Presbytery. The old Commission exists only in name, and cases are constantly arising on the fields that call for judicial deliberation and action. We recommend the appointment of a special committee to consider this question and report at this meeting. The main point to be determined is the respective powers of that court and the missionary organizations. Everything must be so carefully adjusted and so clearly defined as to prevent friction or misunderstanding."

There had been organized in 1890 in Syria, three congregations with native ruling elders. The action of Synod in 1895 thereupon was as follows:

"1. That the Syrian Commission be dissolved, and a Presbytery be organized, to be called the Syrian Presbytery. 2. That the Presbytery shall include Syria, Asia Minor and Cyprus, and shall consist of all our ordained missionaries in those countries, and an elder from each native congregation. 3. That in case a ministerial member of the Board of Foreign Missions makes a visit to the foreign mission field this Summer, or in case there be no representative from America, Dr. D. Metheny, our senior missionary, be appointed to constitute the Presbytery with prayer at such time and in such place as will suit the convenience of the parties."

Item 4 has been already quoted.

Dr. Metheny constituted the Presbytery at Mersine, Novem-

ber 14, 1895. He did not notify the elders from each native congregation of the time and place of meeting. Of this meeting the clerk, Rev. J. Boggs Dodds, says: "There were three American ministers present, but no elder to represent any of the native congregations." The Presbytery, thus organized, adjourned to meet in Latakia, in November, 1896. At the time of this meeting, Dr. Metheny, the Moderator, was physically unable to attend. Rev. J. S. Stewart and Rev. Henry Easson declined to attend, because the Presbytery's powers and sphere had not been stated; so that Rev. J. Boggs Dodds was the only presbyter present, and the Presbytery became disorganized because it failed to meet at the time and place specified.

The Board of Foreign Mission then said in 1897, in their report to Synod:

"The intention of the Board in asking for a Presbytery seems to have been misunderstood. What we wanted was simply a mission presbytery to take the place of the old Commission that had long ago ceased to hold regular meetings, and only came together when directed to do so for some specified purpose. There was no court to which converts could appeal from decisions of sessions, however unjust. The native elders had no voice in the management of the Church affairs outside of their own congregations. For these, among other reasons, it was felt that there should be a Presbytery, of which all the ordained missionaries would be ex officio members, and in which each congregation would be represented, and would have an opportunity of introducing and discussing with their American brethren questions of general interest to the native Church. The Board did not have in view a Presbytery in which the missionaries would be amenable to discipline, and into which a native member could drag them at pleasure for any and every fancied grievance. There is a division of opinion on the field, not as to the value of such a court, but as to the extent of its powers, and consequently no meeting was held last year. The Board, therefore, asks Synod to replace the names of the missionaries on the roll of their respective Presbyteries, and appoint a committee to consider the whole question of a Mission Presbytery and report at next meeting."

Your committee recommend:

1. That the names of the ordained ministers in the Syrian Prsbytery, thus disorganized, be re-transferred to the roll of their respective home Presbyteries. 2. That these ordained ministers with Ruling Elder J. M. Balph be made a Commission of Synod, to meet at Latakia, prior to April 1, 1899, at the call of Rev. Henry Easson, and by him to be constituted a Commission of Synod. To this Commission shall belong the duty of hearing and determining under this Synod whatever matters may relate to the government of the congregations and mission stations of this Church in the Syrian, Cilician and Cyprus fields. This Commission shall choose its own officers, shall meet at least once a year, and report its proceedings annually to Synod. The necessary traveling expenses of

missionaries attending the meetings of the Commission are to be paid from Mission funds.

Baptism of Converts.

There was a second matter referred to your committee. It is thus noted in the minutes of 1897:

"That the matter of re-baptism of converts from non-Protestant sects be referred to the same committee." This question does not relate to a new matter, but to a change. The mission in Syria dates back forty-two years. Our early missionaries met the question of re-baptism of converts from corrupt Christian sects. Other missionaries had met the question. The United Presbyterian missionaries in Egypt do not re-baptize the converts. The Presbyterian missionaries do not. The Congregational missionaries for a time had different procedures, at first among themselves. The venerable Dr. Barnum, at Harpoot, says: "When I came to this country in the spring of 1858 this question was much agitated. The missionaries at Mosul, Diarbekir, and Yozgat argued strongly in favor of it, while all the rest, so far as I now remember, including such veterans as Drs. Dwight, Goodell, Hamlin, the Blisses, etc., opposed anything like compulsion. The majority of the latter class were opposed to re-baptism upon principle, while a few would recommend it to the candidate, at the same time, leaving it to his own conscience. Such missionaries put the matter before candidates, explaining the nature of the ordinance, and baptizing those who were persuaded, while others were received on their old baptism." For many years the Congregational missionaries have not re-baptized converts from corrupt Christian sects. The Presbyterian Church in the United States, which formerly required the re-baptism of converts from the Roman Catholic Church, now leaves the sessions to decide in the several cases. Our own Church has not reversed her action of requiring converts from the Papal Church to be re-baptized, and reaffirmed it in 1881 in a question from the Syrian Commission. It then decided that converts from the Roman Catholics were to be re-baptized, when certain Greeks had been received without baptism, who were, as afterwards ascertained, members of the Roman Catholic Church Minutes, 1881, pp. 251, 265. The course of our early missionaries and of the fathers of our church, and the Foreign Mission Board on this question was not taken without thought. They drew a line between Papal sects and other corrupt Christian sects in the crowning impiety of Rome in claiming infallibility for a mere man, and making him head of the Church They were not insensible of the corruptions of the other sects, to be renounced by any converts making a profession in our Church.

Your committee have given attention to the exhibition of the corruptions of the Greek Church by Rev. J. Boggs Dodds, but we

cannot recommend any change in the course of our foreign missionaries in not requiring of Greek converts re-baptism.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. WILLSON,
DAVID M'ALLISTER,
W. M. GLASGOW,
JOHN AIKIN,
JOHN T. MORTON,
Committee.

Item 11.—Attended to.

Item 12.—The Printed Minutes.

Printed Minutes.

The printed minutes, Synod, 1897, are correct, except on page 4, to list of absent ministers, add D. McAllister, Jr., and to the list of congregations not represented, add Middletown. On page 8 and eighth line, read "115 ministers." On page 45, fourth line from bottom, read "reconsideration." On page 47, ninth line from bottom, dele. Robert Davis, and on page 48, ninth line from top, read "88." On page 59, five lines from bottom, read "1886." On page 72, eight lines from bottom, read "1897."

Item 13.—Joint Revision of the Psalms. W. J. Coleman, Chairman.

Committee reported. Report was received and adopted.

The committee was continued.

The report is as follows:

Joint Revision of the Psalms.

The Committee on the Joint Revision of the Psalms regret being obliged to report that no advance has been made in this work during the past year. The sub-committee appointed to begin the work of revision, it seems, has failed to take any action in the matter. Yet we do not believe that the whole project should be allowed to drop when seven different denominations of the Presbyterian faith have agreed through their highest courts to engage in this revision. If the Synod sees fit to continue its effort in this matter, it is to be hoped that something may yet be accomplished.

W. J. COLEMAN,
DAVID M'ALLISTER,
D. B. WILLSON,
T. P. STEVENSON.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Unfinished Business.

Committee on Unfinished Business would respectfully report the following items:

1. Committee on Religious Literature in School Books. J. M. Foster, Chairman. Minutes '97, p. 8.

2. Committee on Western College. C. D. Trumbull, Chairman, p. 15.

3. Clerk to issue certificates of appointments to Licentiates; p. 39.

4. International Convention of Reformed Presbyterian Churches. T. P. Stevenson, Chairman, p. 43.

5. Publication of Minutes '97. Clerk, p. 51.

6. Resolutions on Matter of Church Paper; p. 112.

7. Committee to confer with representatives of Young People's Christian Union, United Presbyterian Church. R. J. George, p. 112.

8. Pastors of Philadelphia Presbytery to represent Synod in the exercises, by General Synod, commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Reformed Presbytery in America. T. P. Stevenson, Chairman, p. 121.

9. Ordained missionary to work in Oakland, referred to Central Board, p. 88.

10. Mission Presbytery in Syria, and re-baptism of converts from non-Protestant sects. D. B. Willson, pp. 88 and 122.

11. Committee on Railroads. C. D. Trumbull, p. 122.

12. The Printed Minutes.

13. Joint Revision of the Psalms. W. J. Coleman, p. 8.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. FOSTER,
J. A. BLACK,
Committee.

Clerk was directed to give an order on Treasurer of Literary Fund for $2.10, to meet expenses of Committee on Joint Revision of Psalms.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

Foreign Correspondence.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report that two letters, one from the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Scotland and one from the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Ireland, were placed in our hands. We recommend that the following letters be signed by the officers of this Synod and transmitted to these respective Synods in reply.

W. J. COLEMAN,
J. MILLIGAN WYLIE,
W. T. K. THOMPSON,
J. P. McKAIG,
JAMES LEITCH.

Penpont, Scotland, May 13, 1898.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyteryian Church in America, the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland sends greetings.

Dear Fathers and Brethren in Christ: Your message to us was duly received by us, and we heartily reciprocate your loving affection towards us in the truth. If that outward union which exists between us is of the right kind—if it has inward unity for its basis, and if that inward unity is under one Head, Christ, and in virtue of the Spirit of the Head pervading the members—it is as impossible for us to be out of sympathy with one another as for any schism to be in the natural body. "That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, art in me and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us. I in them and Thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one."

While we have tokens that the Lord has not entirely departed from those who are the true covenanters in every land, yet there is abundant evidence that these are few in Scotland and that their testimony is being despised. There never was, perhaps, such a religious generation in this land as the present one, and yet vital godliness is, in the view of all right-thinking men, gradually dying out. And because that is so, the churches that pander most to the tastes of the carnal mind, those that can trim best to catch all comers, those that can bestow most flattery on their devotees—in short, those that are most devoid of true principle—are the churches most patronized. Our nation has broken covenant with God, and God is now avenging the quarrel, His covenant, by pulling down what He has built and plucking up what He has planted—even this whole land—and bringing evil upon all flesh in it, while those whose eyes God has opened to discern this are not looking for any great things in the way of reformation being accomplished by them, but merely the getting of their souls for a prey.

Your position is different. Your aim is to have such a noble building of true religion set up in your land as has been set up, and is now being thrown down in ours. It is ours to desire that the Lord has called you to such a hope and that the "sword of the Lord and of Gideon"—the power of God resting on you in your infirmity—has been, and will be, the means by which you believe you shall attain to the realization of your hope.

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all in the Spirit.

In the name of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland,

CAMERON MACKAY,

To the Moderator of the R. P. Synod of America.

Belfast, June 7, 1897.

To the Synod of the R. P. Church of America.

Dear Brethren: Once more our meeting together reminds us of you. We know that your experiences are very similar to our own, and are persuaded that the questions in which we are deeply interested press heavily on your hearts. So when we write, we are sensible that a common cause unites us, and we are rejoiced by the quickening power of your sympathy. More than threescore years and ten have run their course since we first exchanged fraternal greetings, and to-day it gives us joy to know that time unites us more closely in covenant bonds.

Last Summer we had the exceptional pleasure of meeting with many of the members of your court. Their words of good cheer are not, we assure you, forgotten, and their faithful testimony to the truth, which was calculated to stimulate, has not, we trust, died away upon the air.

During the past year death has made no breach in our ministerial ranks at home. But our mission in Australia has suffered a great loss. The Rev. A. U. Moore, who for many years toiled alone and faithfully to uphold our cause, now rests from his labors. We regret that our young brother, Rev. A. Holmes, who sailed from these shores in the Spring of the year, was not privileged to speak face to face with our venerable missionary. But we rejoice to know that the work is now intrusted to our brother's hand. Our Syrian Mission has also suffered owing to the death of Mrs. Martin. In her own home, and in the homes of others, her absence must be keenly felt. We honor the church which gave us such a missionary, and give the glory of all she did to your God and our God. For the preservation of her devoted husband, and his fellow-laborer, Mr. Kennedy, we feel deeply grateful to Almighty God. Hitherto they have been preserved from the knife of the assassin, and the minions of the throne of iniquity which frameth mischief by a law. But as we see the war clouds floating near our mission, we can, indeed, join heartily in the prayer contained in Russia's national anthem—"Give to us peace in our time, O Lord."

At home we feel that we have need of patience. Our pulpits are undermanned, and our supply of probationers is limited. The need all around for the preaching of a full, free and everlasting salvation never was greater. Doctrine is regarded as a dangerous thing, and purity of worship is openly mocked. Impudent is perhaps the best word to use in order to describe the attitude of the corrupters of all that is good and holy and pure in the Church of God. But we know that the hereditary foe of God's cause has never been notorious for shamefacedness. Romanism is tapping ritualism, materialism is sapping spirituality and infidelity is confident of her ultimate supremacy. The rightful Lord and King has few to clamor for His return. Rather does the tempter say to men and churches, "Curse God and die." How much of the travail of His soul the Redeemer has yet to see we know not, but

as we see Him going up Olivet to sure victory, we hear Him saying of each inveterate foe, "Let him curse, for the Lord hath bidden him." In such circumstances faith is all the Apostle describes it to be—"precious." Let us cherish it individually and cease to grieve, crying, "Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief."

"Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ."

"Grace be with all them that love the Lord Jesus Chrust in sincerity."

Yours in covenant bonds, signed on behalf of the R. P. Synod in Ireland.

W. RUSSELL, Moderator.
J. D. HOUSTON, Clerk.

Walton, N. Y., U. S. A., June 7, 1898.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Scotland, the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America sends greetings.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your fraternal message to us, dated May 13th, 1898, was duly received by us and read in our meeting on June 1st. We take great pleasure in your kindly remembrance of us, and beg leave to assure you of our earnest desire for your continued peace and prosperity. As citizens of one divine kingdom, devoted to the service of one King, bound by the obligations of the same covenants, we seek communion with you in labor for the Redeemer's glory. In addition to these mutual principles and aims, we look back to a common ancestry and remember that not long since our fathers came across the sea from your land. We are bound to you, therefore, by the blood of Christ and by the blood of a common descent, and we rejoice to feel that our kindred cherish a kind feeling for us.

Added to this is the increased regard which many of our brethren have to Scotland on account of the acquaintance gained through attendance upon the convention at Glasgow two years ago. We hope that nothing will interfere with a return of this visit on your part to the convention in America, which, at the request of brethren across the sea, has been postponed from 1899 to 1901.

During the past year two of the most highly esteemed of our ministers have been called from labor unto rest—the Rev. David Metheny, M. D., and the Rev. James Kennedy, D. D. Both were men of varied abilities, of high character and of unquestioned piety. Both were in some measure familiar to you, Dr. Metheny as a missionary and Dr. Kennedy as a minister for a long time of the Irish Church.

The most remarkable occurrence in the past year has been the increase of our ministry. At last holidays nine students of theology finished their course, and three were licensed. In the

Spring eleven more were licensed, and three ordained ministers acceded to our church from other denominations. The great difficulty in our home missions is to secure the funds necessary to employ our available laborers in carrying on the work of the church.

Like yourselves, we mourn a low state of piety in the churches of our land, and a correspondingly low view of moral obligations. It sometimes seems as if the foundations of society were being destroyed. Yet we have an abiding trust in our Mediatorial King, who will judge the nations, bringing order out of confusion and peace out of conflict. In this assurance we seek to labor with all energy in the various fields of needed reforms.

We pray for God's blessing upon the Covenanter Church of Scotland. We rejoice in the faithfulness of those who yet maintain the truth of the covenants and their fidelity to covenant obligations.

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

In the name of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America.

_____, Moderator.
_____, Clerk.

To the Moderator of the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Scotland.

Walton, N. Y., June 7, 1898.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

Dear Brethren: Your letter of June 7th, 1897, was read at our present meeting of Synod. We rejoice with you in your tokens of the Divine favor, and sympathize with you in the loss you have sustained by the removal of your missionaries, Rev. A. M. Moore and Mrs. Martin. We have also been called upon to part with two eminent servants of Jesus Christ—the Rev. James Kennedy, D. D., beloved and admired by your church as well as by our own, and Rev. David Metheny, M. D., so well known to you all Dr. Metheny's mantle seems to have fallen upon his son, Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, who takes his place as Medical Missionary in Mersine.

Our missionaries in China report encouragingly. In spite of financial depression our work in general has been carried forward without serious hindrance. The present meeting of Synod has made manifest that our work is one, whether it be labor among the millions of colored people in the South, or among the native Indians, or the Chinese, or the Jews, or in the development of our home mission work, or in bearing testimony to the princely claims of Jesus Christ by our National Reform and Testimony-Bearing lecturers, all, together with workers in foreign fields, show that they are laboring for the same end—to fill the earth with the glory of God.

We feel united to you by many ties, chiefly those of faith and of covenant, but the recent visit of so many of our ministers and people to your land, and the fact that two of our ministers are now more permanently with you, bring us into more intelligent fellowship.

The providences of God in our present conflict with Spain are leading this nation to see that it has a higher mission than merely to develop our own resources; and we trust these two nations, now united by ties of blood, language and religion, may be yet more closely identified in their common effort for the oppressed of every land.

The times call us to renewed effort, whether in Great Britain, Ireland or America, to become more aggressive in our efforts to bring these great nations to the footstool of King Jesus.

May we have grace to endure the tribulation that must come when our petitions are answered which we have long been making for the overthrow of Satan's kingdom.

Wishing you grace, mercy and peace, we are yours in covenant bonds.

Signed on behalf of the R. P. Synod of America.

_____, Moderator.
_____, Clerk.

To the Moderator and Members of the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Ireland.

Report of the Committee on Changes in Rules of Procedure was taken from the table. Report was adopted and is as follows:

Rules of Procedure.

The special Committee to which was referred Paper No. 21, proposing certain changes in the method of procedure in conducting the business of Synod, respectfully reports:

The changes proposed by the memorialists are three: (1) To enlarge the powers of the Committee of Discipline; (2) to create a committee on overtures; (3) to alter Rule 46.

Your committee recommends only No. 3 of the above proposed changes, and that in a modified form, as follows: We recommend: That Rule 46 of the rules for directing the organization and proceedings of Synod be amended so as to read:

The yeas and nays on any question shall not be recorded, unless it be required by one-sixth of the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. WILLSON,
DAVID McALLISTER,
A. S. GILCHRIST,
D. S. FARIS,
A. ALEXANDER,
Committee.

The expense in issuing blanks for question-slips for Presbyterial reports was ordered paid from the Literary Fund.

Committee on Additional Laborer and His Salary, in Testimony-Bearing work, reported. Report was received, and taken up, item by item, for adoption.

Item 1 was amended by inserting the name of W. J. Coleman, and was adopted.

Item 2 and item 3 were adopted.

Report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Special Report on Testimony Bearing.

The Committee on Testimony Bearing, to which were referred the nomination of an additional laborer in that field and the naming of the salary which he shall receive, would respectfully report the following recommendations:

1. That the Rev. W. J. Coleman* be chosen to labor the coming year in the work of Testimony Bearing. In case he does not accept, that the place be offered to the Rev. D. H. Coulter, D. D., and in case he does not accept, to the Rev. C. D. Trumbull, D. D.

(2). That inasmuch as there is nearly nine hundred ($900) dollars in the treasury, and the additional burden on the Chuch will not be heavy, the remuneration offered the one chosen be twelve hundred ($1,200) dollars for the year, together with traveling expenses.

3. That in case neither of the ministers named accept the position offered, the committee be granted permission to fill the vacancy until next meeting of Synod.

W. J. COLEMAN,
R. J. GAULT,
JOHN T. MORTON.

A. Alexander entered his dissent against this action as follows:

The undersigned hereby dissents from and protests against the action of Synod in appointing an additional laborer in the interest of "Testimony Bearing," because, that, though there is now a balance in the "Testimony Bearing" fund, yet the condition of our finances in general is not such as to warrant such appointment.

ANDREW ALEXANDER.

Committee on the Death of Rev. James Kennedy, D. D., reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

Minute on the death of Dr. James Kennedy.

On Wednesday, January 26, 1898, passed away from earth Rev. James Kennedy, D. D. At the time of his departure he had been in the Gospel ministry for over 55 years. The ability which attracted attention to his preaching in the North of Ireland, where

*Mr. Coleman's name was inserted by Synod.

he was engaged in pastoral work from 1843 to 1870, characterized his ministry in the United States. As Pastor of the Fourth Congregation in New York, his preaching was uniformly clear and impressive, every truth that he presented having been evidently wrought out in his own experience before it fell from his lips in the pulpit. An unblemished character, united with a well-cultivated mind and a sanctified desire to excel, placed him, not only in the opinion of his own congregation, but of brethren in other parts of the Church, in the front rank of the ministers of this century. Like the witnesses in Reformation times, he held up before men, always and everywhere, the living Christ, in whose fellowship he found so much joy and strength. The great truths centering in the person of the Mediator were portrayed with a vividness and beauty of illustration that at once impressed and delighted his audiences.

James Kennedy never claimed for himself a prominent place in the Church courts; but, when he did speak, his views always commanded respect. He listened quietly to the debates, and often at an opportune moment would make a suggestion that carried conviction and served to harmonize conflicting opinions. His election in 1886 to a professorship in the Theological Seminary showed very clearly the esteem and confidence in which he was held by his brethren. A man of ripe scholarship, a close student of the Bible, a thoroughly devoted servant of Jesus Christ, he was well qualified to instruct and train young men for their life-work.

James Kennedy was indeed "a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work." As a Synod we record our appreciation of his character and services as an able minister of the New Testament, and for 27 years a loyal fellow-laborer. We think of him as having finished his course and as having received the crown of righteousness that the Lord gives to every one that loves His appearing.

R. M. SOMMERVILLE,
F. M. FOSTER,
T. M. CARLISLE,
A. ALEXANDER,
ROBERT McAFEE,
Committee.

Committee on the death of Missionary Rev. David Metheny, M. D., reported. Report was received, adopted, and is as follows:

Minute on the death of Rev. David Metheny, M. D.

In a discourse before the people of Antioch, Paul said of David, the King of Israel: "After he had served his own generation by the will of God, he fell on sleep." These words may be fitly applied to our esteemed late senior missionary, Rev. David Metheny, M. D., who entered into his eternal rest June 4, 1897, one year ago. He, too, "served his own generation by the will of God."

The hand of God can be clearly seen in the shaping of the

events of Dr. Metheny's early life. The death of his parents when he was but two years old; his residence until he was fifteen with his grandmother, in her country home; his life for th enext ten years in Pittsburg with his uncle, Dr. S. A. Sterrett, afforded the conditions and influences under which by God's blessing he reached a most thorough preparation, physically, mentally and spiritually, for the life-work upon which he was soon to enter.

Graduating from Jefferson Medical College in 1861, happily married in 1862 to Miss Emma Gregg, third daughter of Elder David and M. M. Gregg, of Allegheny, Pa.; established in 1863 in a practice in the city of Pittsburg that was regarded as a marvel of success, a career opened before him bright with promise.

But the rapid and full realization of these promises could not allay the strong desire that was burning in his heart, and was equally fervent in the heart of his devoted wife. They longed to go as missionaries to Syria. By God's grace they were enabled to cheerfully, gladly go out from surroundings so full of rich comfort, and welcome the change that was certain to bring toil and trial. But they felt it to be the "will of God," and so they only found peace of mind when they, deaf to other voices, obeyed the Divine call, which seemed to be ever saying, "I need you in Syria."

Dr. Metheny served his own generation. Reckoning a generation to be 33 years, it was literally true that he served his generation as a missionary. His full time of service was a little over 33 years. From 1864 to 1882 he labored in Latakia, and from 1882 to 1897 he worked in the Tarsus field.

His service during this long period was multifarious. He was physician, surgeon and nurse; he was preacher, pastor and presbyter; he was lawyer, diplomat and counsel; he was architect, mason, carpenter and blacksmith.

Much of his work was of the highest order. He had no superior in Syria or in Asia Minor as physician or surgeon. As a preacher, he was singularly earnest and impressive. Every occasion was to him an opportunity to preach the Gospel. Every place was a pulpit, and every person was an audience. His victories over Turkish duplicity and intrigue were proofs of his superior skill in diplomacy. The buildings he planned and erected are monuments that will long proclaim his wise foresight, as well as his untiring energy. In nothing was he content with mediocrity. Everything must be the best of its kind.

His service was self-sacrificing. He spared nothing in the prosecution of the work. Money, time and strength of body and mind were lavishly expended. At the age of sixty, when many show little signs of decaying powers, he was completely worn out. His strong physical organization broke down under the self-imposed, long-sustained overload.

His service was emphatically Christian. His activities were all on the Christian plane. His life was an epistle which all would be the better for reading. His faith in the Divine promises was undoubting. He took everything to God in prayer, in the utmost

confidence that by it he would achieve the best results. His love of the truth would not suffer any compromise of it. He was a thorough Covenanter. His patient endurance of suffering revealed the work of the Divine Spirit. The success of his plans, the fruits of his labors, and the satisfactory arrangements he was enabled to make for the continuance of his work, were all matter for gratitude to God, as he realized that he must soon obey the summons of the Master to lay down the heavy burden he had so long carried.

His work, though arduous, was joyous. His was the joy of faith in the covenant promises of God. It was the joy of hope in Christ, that maketh not ashamed. When his activity was the most intense it afforded him the greatest pleasure. When his enthusiasm was the highest his happiness most nearly approached to rapture. The more he could relieve suffering and distress, and give help to the needy, and be the means of leading souls out of the darkness of sin into the light of the Saviour's love, the more did he realize his high ideal of life.

His time of service had its full share of trial. There was sore bereavement. First a young daughter was taken; then his beloved wife, after years of suffering; then Mizpah, his eldest daughter; then Dr. Dodds, his son-in-law; then his two grandchildren, and lastly the death of a child of his second family.

To these afflictive providences there was added the constant and determined opposition of the Turkish Government to the mission work. In the purchase of building sites, in the procuring of supplies, in the erection of buildings, in the opening of schools, in the obtaining of pupils, and in every other department of the work, every impediment possible was thrown in the way by the civil authorities. But all these afflictions were borne by Dr. Metheny with Christian patience and resignation, while he met the opposition to the work with unflinching determination and indomitable courage.

Dr. Metheny was again happily married to Miss Mary E. Dodds. By her experience as teacher for six years in the mission she was eminently fitted to be a helpmeet for the Doctor at a time when the growing demands of the work bore so heavily upon him. she, with five children, and the two sons of his first family, are left to mourn their loss of a loving husband and father.

For the last seven years of his life Dr. Metheny was declining in bodily strength. With the skill of which he was so great a master, and with that will power that had rarely known what it was to yield, he struggled heroically with disease. At the time of his last visit to this country he told a friend that he had had for more than a year the use of but one lung. Being fully aware of the nature of the malady that was sapping his life, he lived in constant expectation of sudden death. But, though his body was feeble, his energy and zeal were unabated. He continued to preach when he could no longer stand. He prescribed for more than a score of patients daily when he was himself confined to his bed. Nor did the near approach of death alarm him. He care-

fully arranged his worldly affairs, gave suggestions to his son, Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, whom he rejoiced to see so well qualified to be his successor, and calmly and hopefully awaited the end. His last words were, "I long to be with Jesus."

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. McFARLAND,
J. W. SPROULL,
S. McNAUGHER,
R. D. SCOTT.

Committee on Reports from the Board of Church Erection and the Board of Sustentation reported. Report was received, and taken up, item by item, for adoption:

Item 1 was referred to the Board of Sustentation.

Item 2 was referred to the Board of Church Erection.

Item 3 was adopted.

Report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Church Erection and Sustentation.

Your Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection would respectfully report:

Two papers have been placed in our hands: First—The report of the Board of Sustentation. Upon comparison of this report with our statistics for 1897, it is evident that many congregations as needy as some that are receiving aid have not received aid, but are striving in a commendable way to bear their own burdens. While, therefore, it may be desirable that every pastor should receive full pay, and the Board of Sustentation deserves commendation for efforts towards this attainment, yet the wisdom and justice of application for aid in some cases we regard as doubtful. Second—The report of the Board of Church Erection. According to this report the time for which Ministers R. M. Sommerville and F. M. Foster and Elders Henry O'Neill, A. Alexander and S. K. McGuire were elected has expired.

We recommend that Ministers R. M. Sommerville and F. M. Foster and Elders Henry O'Neill, A. Alexander and S. K. McGuire be re-elected to their respective places on the Board of Church Erection.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. W. STEVENSON,
T. H. ACHESON,
J. C. TAYLOR,
WM. ANDERSON.

Board of Church Erection.

Board of Church Extension would respectfully report:

The Board record with sorrow that Rev. James Kennedy, D. D., President of the Board from April 8, 1882, is with us no

longer. He passed on to his rest January 26, 1898, full of years and of good deeds. The Board remember with appreciation his wise counsel, his deep interest in the welfare of congregations, his strong desire that each should have its own church-home. We hope to carry with us many days the influence of his godly spiritual life.

The past year has not been active in church building. Indeed, within the knowledge of your Board, no new buildings have been begun. But your Board have been able to assist congregations laboring under debt.

The Pastor of East End Congregation, Rev. D. C. Martin, and his wife, made an exceedingly liberal gift of $1,000 to East End Church, to help pay their debt. Your Board also appropriated $1,000, on June 25, 1897, to this congregation. The East End people expect to convert into money lots by the Church; also, some property in Allegheny. The proceeds will be used in reducing the debt. The effort which pastor and people are making is worthy of commendation.

On June 25, 1897, your Board appropriated $500 to Denver Congregation to aid in reducing debt. Also, at same date, an appropriation of $150 was made to Denver Congregation to aid them in meeting interest on Church debt.

On September 21, 1897, the Board appropriated $500 to Topeka Congregation, and also made them a loan of $300 without interest. This relieves them of burdens, and gave them opportunity to spend their strength in the upbuilding of the cause in the city of Topeka.

On December 17, 1897, the Treasurer paid the Board's appropriation to Youngstown. The amount was $400, and covered outstanding indebtedness.

All of these congregations are striving to free themselves from burdens, that they may thereby be better able to do more and better work in the Master's vineyard.

The Treasurer's report shows the following:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last report	$3,393.37
Receipts during year, all sources	1,419.73
Total	$4,813.10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total disbursements (noted in body of report)	$2,850.00
Balance on hand at date of this report	1,963.10

The receipts for the year were $51.40 more than last year, and because of increased congregational collections. This interest in the cause of Church Erection is gratifying to your Board.

The loan of $1,000 to Seattle Congregation, by the direction of Synod, is due this June.

Your Board recommend that an appropriation of $4,000 be made for the work of Church Erection the coming year.

The time for which Ministers R. M. Sommerville and F. M. Foster, and Elders Henry O'Neill, A. Alexander and S. K. McGuire were elected, has expired, and their places should be filled.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. FOSTER, Secretary.

Board of Sustentation.

Board of Sustentation would respectfully report:

Nine congregations have applied to your Board.

The following table will show to what congregations aid has been given, the salary paid, the rate of salary, the deficit, and amount of supplement.

Name of Congregation.	Members.	Salary.	Rate of Salary.	Deficit.	Supplement.
Barnet	51	$480.00	$9.41	$320.00	$192.00
West Hebron	38	350.00	9.21	450.00	270.00
Bovina	86	650.00	7.55	150.00	90.00
Lochiel	33	a450.00	13.64	350.00	210.00
Lisbon	60	b600.00	10.00	200.00	120.00
Almonte (Ramsey)	66	530.00	8.03	470.00	282.00
Slippery Rock	72	c600.00	8.33	200.00	120.00
Vernon	60	500.00	8.33	300.00	180.00
Sterling	73	500.00	6.85	500.00	300.00
				$2,940.00	$1,764.00

a, $400 cash and $50 manse; b, $500 cash and $100 manse; c, $525 cash and $75 manse.

Total deficit in salaries	$3,140.00
Amount in Treasury for distribution	1,767.27
We distribute 60 per cent. of deficit	1,764.00
Balance in Treasury	3.27

We respectfully request an appropriation of $6,000 for this important work.

J. W. SPROULL, Chairman.
W. J. COLEMAN, Cor. Sec.

The matter of electing a missionary to Oakland was referred to next Synod, the Central Board to conduct the Oakland Mission the present year as heretofore.

Dissent of T. P. Stevenson and others from the action of Synod in reference to invitation from United Presbyterian Christian Union

Dissent.

The undersigned dissent from this action because, in our judgment, the presence of our members in Christian assemblies where instrumental music is used does not in any way compro-

mise the well-understood position of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

J. W. SPROULL,
R. C. WYLIE,
T. P. STEVENSON,
J. W. F. CARLISLE,
T. M. CARLISLE,
J. H. FINLEY,
J. S. MARTIN,
R. M. SOMMERVILLE,
J. L. McCARTNEY.

The Moderator and Clerk were appointed to memorialize the President with reference to a fast.

The hearty thanks of Synod were returned to the Pastor of the Walton Church, Reporters of Synod, railroads, janitress of the Church, and the officers of the court.

The vacancy in the Committee on Testimony Bearing was filled by the appointment of B. M. Sharp.

Synod adjourned with prayer by C. D. Trumbull, the singing of the 133d Psalm, and the benediction by the Moderator.

W. P. JOHNSTON, Moderator.
F. M. FOSTER, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

Report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

The Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America respectfully submit their Annual Report, and with it that of the Treasurer, showing the condition of the various financial interests committed to their care for the year ending May 1, 1898.

The usual annual custom of the reorganization of the Board for the year was attended to at the first meeting after the adjournment of Synod, resulting in the re-election of A. C. Coulter, as President, S. McNaugher, as Vice-President, D. Chesnut, as Secretary, and John T. Morton, as Treasurer, and the full quota of membership in the Board has been maintained agreeably to the Act incorporating the Board by the continuation in office as trustees for three years ending June 15, 1900, of Mr. William Blair, John A. Dodds, and Theophilus Sproull.

In conformity with our past usage in the submission of reports to Synod, we will first deal with such matters as were referred by you to us for attention and then follow with such items as relate to the present and ensuing year.

First.—That the Jennet McNaught Bequest, concerning the disposition of which was reconsidered by you at the last meeting of Synod, has been attended to in agreement with your last instructions, and accordingly $585.15 has been paid to Walter T. Miller, Treasurer for Foreign Missions Current Account, and the remaining $300 credited to the Southern Missions for Current uses.

Second.—That the Rachel Stevenson Bequest of $4,000, reported and acted upon at the last meeting of Synod, has been closed up by passing to the credit of Domestic Mission Current Account, $3,000, and applying the remaining $1,000 for use of Science Hall and Outlying Field, and her Ten Thousand Dollar gift has been placed according to her own directions by applying one-half of the amount to the credit of the Aged Ministers' Endowment Fund and the remaining one-half to the Endowment Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers.

Third.—That as to the Mrs. Jessie Frazer Bequest, there has been paid therefrom, four hundred forty-seven dollars thirty-six cents ($447.36), for use of the Literary Fund, agreeable to Synod's action in reference thereto.

Fourth.—We report that the Margaret Peoples' Endowment Account has finally been closed up pursuant to Synod's action by placing $450 of the fund to the credit of the Foreign Mission Endowment, and the remaining $450 to the Southern Mission Endowment Fund, thus fully carrying out the conditions upon which this gift was received.

Fifth.—The Isabella Stewart Martin Memorial Gift was reported to you at the last meeting of Synod, and Synod having approved of the proposition to convert said gift by sale of the land comprising the gift into cash, now reports the sale of a portion of this estate for the sum of $1,000, and that the net proceeds thereof, being $991.50, has been paid to the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, for use of the Chinese Mission Work in China.

Sixth.—The Widows and Orphans and Aged People's Home of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.—In agreement with the recommenda-

tion of this Board at the last meeting of Synod, the management and responsibilities of this home were committed to "The Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association," who will doubtless furnish you a report as to the management and needs of the institution, but as your Board still holds the title to the Home Property upon which there is an unpaid debt, it is but just to the management that we report a payment of $1,500 made upon the mortgage held upon the property as well as the payment of all interest on the mortgage for the year past, thus reducing the mortgage debt from $5,000 to $3,500.

Seventh.—The David Gregg Bequest.—This, the largest single bequest ever coming into the hands of the Synod, received from one who for years was our companion and an official of the Board in the management of the Church's financial interests, has been a safe as well as a permanent investment. Being a gift embracing buildings in a business center of the city, like all such properties it has been affected by the continuous wear and tear of time.

This year, on careful examination, it was found, extensive repairs, some of which for years past were needed, could not be longer postponed. These consisted in part of painting, plumbing, new floors, ceilings and new roofs, which with insurance premiums paid in advance for three years aggregated in all close to three thousand dollars ($3,000.) This exceptional expenditure largely reduced the income for the present year from the premises, but has its value in that it increases the value of the property and will in future years be largely made up by reducing the amount that otherwise would be paid out for annual repairs as well as premium for insurance for three years to come. The income from the estate, after deducting all the repairs and improvements referred to, as well as taxes and other expenses, still leaves a net income of twelve hundred eighty-two dollars and eighty-eight cents ($1,282.88) for the past year, which sum has been divided between the Foreign, Domestic, Southern and other Missions according to the conditions upon which the bequest was made.

Eighth.—The Mrs. Rebecca Law Endowment.—This endowment was the gift of Mrs. Rebecca Law, for years a resident of New Concord, Ohio, who died February 20, 1898, at the Aged People's Home, Allegheny City, Pa. The present amount of this endowment is $301.15 and the income thereon, according to the understanding and agreement with the deceased, is to be used for Missionary purposes and such scheme or schemes as she might designate during her lifetime, and at her death, in the absence of directions from her, the income to be used as Synod might determine. This gift is now referred to Synod to designate which endowment fund or funds the amount shall be applied to.

Ninth.—Miss Elizabeth Stewart Bequest.—We report from the executor of the estate of Miss Elizabeth Stewart, a deceased member of Parnassus Congregation, late of Kiskiminitas Township, Armstrong County, Pa., the receipt of fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500), less Seventy-five Dollars Collateral Inheritance Tax, making the net sum of fourteen hundred and twenty-five dollars ($1,425) to be divided and applied as follows, viz.:

"Syrian Mission".....net	$475.00
"Chinese Mission".....net	237.50
"Indian Mission".....net	237.50
"Selma Freedmen's Mission".....net	475.00
	$1,425.00

This bequest is referred to Synod to determine, first, whether the amounts stated shall be applied to the Endowment or Current Accounts of the Missions named, and second, as to the $237.50 for Chinese Mission, whether it shall be used for the Home or Foreign Church work.

Tenth.—Mrs. Rebecca Brown Bequest.—We report having received from the executor of the estate of Mrs. Rebecca Brown, deceased, of the First Reformed Presbyterian Congregation, Philadelphia, in final settlement of the estate, the sum of $132.45.

According to the will of the decedent this gift is "to the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, to be expended under its direction in the promulgation of the Gospel of my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

It is, therefore, competent for Synod at this time to direct what Mission or Missions shall receive this gift, and also to determine whether the amount shall go to the Endowment Account of such Missions or be expended with other current funds.

Eleventh.—The James Fraser Bequest.—The late James Fraser, of New York City, as reported by us to you and as appears in the Minutes of Synod for 1896, left to the Synod by his Will, dated December 3, 1862, certain real estate on East 83d street and West 11th street, New York. It is the judgment of the Board that this property should be sold when a fair price can be obtained for it.

As this property was devised by will prior to 1871, and as the purchaser or purchasers may prefer a special resolution of Synod in reference to the execution of the papers by which title thereto may be conveyed to the buyer, we ask that the following resolution be adopted at this meeting of Synod:

Resolved, That John T. Morton, of Pittsburgh, Pa., as Treasurer of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to make, execute and deliver a deed or deeds and sign any and all legal papers required by the purchaser or purchasers of the ground and buildings thereon, given to this Synod, by will of James Frazer, dated December 3, 1862:

1st.—The premises No. 122 East 83d street, New York, N. Y., consisting of a lot of ground 26 ft. by 102½ ft., on which is erected a frame building.

2d.—The premises No. 146 West 11th street, New York, N. Y., being a lot of ground 18¾ ft. by 57 2-3 ft., on which is erected a brick building.

3d.—That should the purchaser or purchasers prefer to have deed or deeds for the properties referred to signed by the Moderator of the Synod, in connection with the Treasurer, then in that case, at the option of the purchaser or purchasers, either one or both of said officers are hereby authorized to make, execute and deliver the necessary deeds, papers, etc., of conveyance, etc., required in making sale of the property before named.

Twelfth.—The First and Third New York Congregations.—We regret for the fifth time to have to come before Synod, asking Synod to consider this matter and arrange to enforce its own decision and decree by which it directed the Third New York Congregation to pay to Synod's Board of Trustees, for account of the late First New York Congregation, the interest justly due upon the loan made to the First New York, at the time of the liberal defection, when for a brief period, without the assistance of the Board, it was feared they would lose their Church property.

The congregation since the last meeting of Synod again declined to pay the amount due; your Board complained to New York Presbytery, seeking their aid to enforce Synod's mandate in the matter. The Presbytery, we understand, directed the Congregation to pay the amount in agreement with Synod's action, but up to the date that we write this report the debt still remains due and unpaid. We, therefore, ask Synod that such action be taken as shall secure to us promptly the amount due, with interest to date. As Synod has repeatedly had the facts upon which this claim is founded before them, we need not lengthen this report by again reciting them, though if it be desirable to refresh the memory of the Synod or Committee to whom this may be referred for consideration, then we would respectfully refer you to

our annual reports as they appear in the printed Minutes of Synod for the years 1893, page 293; for 1894, page 301; for 1895, page 256; for 1896, page 131 and for the year 1897, page 123.

Thirteenth.—The Theological Seminary.—The Synod at its last meeting appropriated for the use of the Seminary a liberal collection; the receipts in response thereto coming into the hands of the Treasurer were not as large as we had a right to expect. Had it not been for an extra dividend on the Endowment of $448.96 taken from surplus earnings of previous years, which cannot be done next year, there would, compared with the corresponding date last year, be a decrease of $475.39 in resources to begin the coming Seminary year.

It should be borne in mind that at least salaries to the amount of $1,000 will have to be paid by or before the Seminary opens and before additional receipts will come in. We ask that the appropriation for the Theological Seminary be placed at $1,500, the same as last year.

Fourteenth.—The Students' Aid Fund.—With the increased number of young men who in the last few years have given themselves to the work of the Ministry there is a correspondingly large demand that the Church should not forget to supply the funds to assist young men worthy in every way of such assistance as the Church can provide them with, that they may be free from the perplexing cares as to material things and thus give their whole time and energy to the necessary study and preparation required for their success in their future calling. We, therefore, recommend an appropriation of One Thousand Dollars to the Students' Aid Fund for the ensuing year.

Fifteenth.—Other Appropriations.—The Board after full consideration of the requirements and the condition of the accounts of the Treasurer as related thereto, respectfully recommend the following additional appropriations, viz.:

For the Aged Ministers' Fund.....	$1,500.00
For the Fund for Widows and Children of deceased Ministers.....	1,500.00
For the Library Fund, to be divided equally between the Seminary and the College.....	500.00

Sixteenth.—The Invested Funds.—The investment of Trust Funds committed to your Board have been placed, as in years past, in bonds and mortgages upon real estate, all properties being first examined and passed upon by a Committee appointed for that purpose. It is believed, therefore, that the funds of the Board out upon loan, are well secured.

The amount of Endowment Funds with current funds on hand at the date of this report, amount in the aggregate to $526,274.86.

There has been earned from investments during the past year on the $278,711.75 of Endowment Funds, the net sum of $14,632.36, out of which a dividend for the year of 5¼ per cent. has been declared. There has been an accumulation of profits out of the transactions of past years from which a surplus or extra dividend of ¾ per cent. has also been declared, thus making a dividend of 6 per cent. distributed among the various missions and other funds entitled to participate in the earnings of the year.

Seventeenth.—Election of Trustees.—The term of office for which Messrs. John T. Morton, Samuel McNaugher and James A. McAteer were chosen members of this Board will expire this year. We, therefore, ask Synod that their successors be chosen for three years ending June 15, 1901, and that in agreement with the Act of Incorporation, the election be by ballot.

Eighteenth.—Books and Accounts Audited.—The Board at a recent meeting appointed a Committee consisting of Messrs. Samuel McNaugher and William Blair, to audit the books and accounts of the Treasurer, which work has been attended to by said Committee, who report that they have performed the work assigned to them and find the same correct.

Nineteenth.—Delegate to Synod.—Agreeably to the action of Synod authorizing such representation on the part of the Board, we report that Mr. John T. Morton (Mr. Samuel McNaugher, as alternate) has been elected delegate to represent the Board at the present meeting of Synod.

Twentieth.—We submit the following items in brief form, for your convenience, which may among others be suggested for your formal action by this report.

I. Synod's action as to what Endowment Fund or Funds the Mrs. Rebecca Law $301.15 shall be credited to.

II. Directions as to the $1,425 bequest of Miss Elizabeth Stewart. Shall it be credited to Endowment Accounts of the Missions named or to the Current Accounts, and shall the $237.50 for Chinese Work be for Home or Foreign Chinese Mission work?

III. What disposition shall be made of the Mrs. Rebecca Brown Bequest of $132.45?

IV. That Synod shall grant full authority to make, execute and deliver deeds for the Fraser property as recommended.

V. That some measure be taken by Synod to promptly insure payment of interest by the Third New York Congregation.

VI. That an appropriation be made for the Theological Seminary and for the Students' Aid Fund, as recommended in items thirteenth and fourteenth.

VII. That appropriations be made for the Aged Ministers' Fund, the Fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers, and for the Library Fund, per item fifteenth.

VIII. That there be three Trustees elected for three years ending June 15, 1901, and that the election be by ballot.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board.

DANIEL CHESNUT,

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 28, 1898. Secretary.

DRAFT OF PLAN FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

We hereby submit for consideration of Synod a draft of a plan for the administration of the Benevolent Funds of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

These funds consist of legacies, bequests and donations held in trust by Synod, the income of which, supplemented by collections ordered by Synod, is devoted to the assistance and relief of such persons as are specified by the legators and donors of these funds and by the resolutions of Synod, as the beneficiaries who have a rightful claim on said income.

That the distribution of said income may be equitable and according to the purpose and intent of the donors, Synod directs and orders

1st. There shall be a Board of Control which shall have charge of the distribution of the income of the benevolent funds of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, namely, of the fund for Aged Ministers, of the fund for Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers, and of the fund for Aid of Theological Students.

2d. This Board shall consist of eight members; four Ministers in active service and four ruling Elders.

The members of the Board shall be named by the Committee on Nominations and chosen on motion by Synod, in the following order:

One Minister and one Elder for four years.
One Minister and one Elder for three years.
One Minister and one Elder for two years.

One Minister and one Elder for one year.
And thereafter, one Minister and one Elder for four years.
The Board shall choose its own officers.

3d. All applications for a share in either of the before-mentioned funds, together with all accompanying recommendations, shall be presented to this Board for its consideration and approval, at least six months before the annual meeting of Synod.

4th. The Board shall inquire into the circumstances of each case; to determine, first, whether the application can be entertained under the conditions of the trust, and if so, what amount of aid should be given, and shall embody in their minutes a brief of the reasons for their action.

5th. The Board shall formulate appropriate rules for the administration of each several fund and shall submit the same for the approval of Synod at its next ensuing meeting.

6th. The Board shall make an annual report to Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. McCRACKEN,
A. J. McFARLAND,
R. HARGRAVE,
R. M. SOMMERVILLE.
C. D. TRUMBULL,
JOHN HUNTER,
W. M. GLASGOW,
T. P. STEVENSON.

STATISTICS OF SYRIAN MISSION.

(No Statistics from Cyprus or Tarsus Fields.)

LATAKIA CENTER.

No. of Communicants		184
Missionaries	7	
Natives—		
Latakia	70	
Gunaimia	55	
Bahamra	27	
Jendairia	12	
Inkzik	6	
Tartoos	7	
No. of Baptisms		19
Death (baptized child)		1
Increase of Communicants		23
Missionary	1	
Natives	22	
By profession	20	
Restored	2	
No. of Employees		24
Licentiates	3	
Teachers, male	6	
" female	5	
Keeper of bookstore	1	
Bible readers	2	
School servants	5	
Pharmacist	1	
Hospital servant	1	
No. of Schools		8
Boys' boarding school	1	
Girls' boarding school	1	
Day schools	6	
No. boys in boarding school		39
Girls in boarding school		50
Boys in day schools		205
Girls in day schools		120
No. Sabbath Schools		2
Contributions—		
S. School collections		322.12
Church collections		1,530.33
C. E. Society collections		158.35
Donations—native members		381.20
(Piasters)		2,392.00

SUADIA CENTER.

No. of Communicants		27
Missionaries	3	
Natives	24	
Baptisms, 1 child, 2 adults.		
Increase of Communicants	3	
Decrease of Communicants	1	
No. of employees		8
Teachers	3	
Bible readers	2	
School servants	3	
Licentiate		1
No. of Schools		2
Boys' boarding and day	1	
Girls' boarding and day	1	
No. of pupils		81
Boys, day	27	
" boarding	27	
Girls, day	10	
" boarding	17	
No. of Sabbath Schools		1
Average attendance		60
Teachers		6
Collections—		Piasters.
Congregations, sent to Chinese Mission		646.15
S. School, sent to Jews' Mission in Philadelphia		406.25
Missionaries		3,162.20
Total		$150.00

CONGREGATIONS.	PASTORS.	P. O. ADDRESS.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Syrian Mission.	Chinese Mission.	Home Mission	Southern Mission.	Indian Mission.	Jewish Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Sustentation.	Church Erection.	National Reform.	Testimony Bearing.	Aged Ministers' Fund.	Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	Salary Paid by Congregation.	Miscellaneous	Total.
New York Pres.																										
First Boston	Sam'l McNaugher.	67 Inman St., Cambridge, Mass.	7	7	16	21*c*	277	7	195	90	207	....	28	....	....	2	....	....	969	33	....	....	....	1,600	2,867	5,706
Second Boston	J. M. Foster	56 Pinckney St., Boston, Mass.	2	4	9	9	120	7	95‖	30	100	60	7	20	6	....	5	5	5	50	10	5	5	1,500	1,250	3,028
Bovina	T. M. Slater	Bovina Center, N. Y.	5	2	7	2	86	2	50	26	90	37	22	16	8	27	6	15	9	14	19	5	4	650	138	1,060
Brooklyn	W. M. George	192 VanBuren St., B'klyn, N.Y.	4	3	6	1	40	....	40	38	24	....	7	....	....	....	....	8	31	27	3	....	....	334	492*b*	926
Cambridge	S. G. Shaw	45 Antrim St., Cambridge, Mass	3	3	25	4	71	2	92	44	25	14	10	22	....	....	7	....	630	6	....	7	10	1,275	635	2,641
Coldenham	Thomas Patton	Coldenham, Orange Co., N. Y.	5	4	....	5	59	....	50	.....	26	10	16	11	9	....	6	5	2	13	10	3	2	800	223	1,136
Kortright	.....	William Orr, Stamford, N. Y.	3*	1*	....	....	26*	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
First Newburgh	J. W. F. Carlisle	284 Liberty St., Newburgh, N.Y.	2	4	13	13	185	10	170	80	500	...	26	53	30	....	....	....	300	....	....	..	....	1,500	668	3,077
Second Newburgh	J. R. Thompson	Newburgh, N. Y.	4	3	12	20	200	12	100	60	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,278†	2,278
Second New York	R. M. Sommerville	325 W. 56th St., New York, N. Y.	6	8	14	23	287	8	462	66	5,528	157	259	285	157	86	152	808	589	314	120	54	54	3,000	4,480	16,043
Third New York	F. M. Foster	341 W. 29th St., New York, N. Y.	6	4	14	24*d*	201	7	240	60	323	24	42	18	14	16	18	26	20	16	23	13	14	2,500	3,033*e*	6,100
Fourth New York	T. M. Carlisle	72 W. 127th St., New York, N. Y.	3	2	7	4	53	1	50	.....	72	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,467	15	1,554
Walton	R. C. Reed	Walton, N. Y.	5	6	4	6	108	1	91	22	40	16	8	43	10	....	....	....	330	7	....	6	6	800	213	1,479
West Hebron	T. A. McElwain	West Hebron, N. Y.	3	2	2	1	38	1	44	51	30	8	7	7	4	5	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	*a* 333	186	600
White Lake	.....	.....	3*	2*	....	....	50*	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
.....	T. A. Rusk	.....	..	..	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	A. I. Robb	.....	..	..	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	G. P. Raitt	.....	..	..	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	S. R. Wallace	.....	..	..	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 15	No. Ministers, 17	Totals	61	55	129	133	1,801	58	1,679	567	6,965	326	432	475	238	136	196	870	2,888	483	188	96	98	15,759	16,478	45,628
Rochester Pres.																										
Lisbon	Wm. McFarland	Flackville, N. Y.	2	3	1	2	60	....	45	.....	50	10	16	15	10	3	6	10	20	10	15	6	7	600¶	146	924
Lochiel	Charles Clyde	Brodie, Ontario	3	2	2	1	33	1	20	.....	34	9	14	13	5	5	6	10	19	6	15	3	3	350*f*	78	570
Almonte	E. M. Coleman	Almonte, Ontario, Canada	4	3	3	1	66	3‡	70	.....	90	18	32	22	9	9	10	26	19	21	31	4	7	590¶	215	1,103
Sterling	J. M. Faris	Sterling, N. Y.	2	1	2	1	37	2	23	.....	72	23	25	20	13	6	8	20	10	20	15	8	7	385	125	757
Syracuse§	G. M. Robb	204 Lafayette Ave., Syracuse, N.Y.	3	2	16	9	64	....	69	52	98	6	14	10	9	....	5	14	209	8	14	..	....	250	277	914
York	J. B. Gilmore	York, N. Y.	4	..	4	4	111	5	60	20	82	24	32	15	14	*8	12	15	15	16	21	7	7	800¶	440	1,508
No. of Cong's, 6	No. Ministers, 6	Totals	18	11	28	18	371	11	287	72	426	90	133	95	60	31	47	95	292	81	111	28	31	2,975	1,281	5,776
Ohio Pres.																										
Jonathan's Creek	.....	J. C. George, Hopewell, Ohio	3	1	2	2	*g*35	....	30	.....	15	4	6	....	3	4	....	4	4	7	5	...	2	349*l*	67	470
Londonderry	P. H. Wylie	Londonderry, Ohio	4	..	9	5	45	...	36	.....	12	6	6	6	5	2	....	4	5	25	6	2	2	250	35	366
Mansfield	.....	Jas. Reynolds, Mansfield, Ohio.	2	2	5	2	*i*51	1	20	20	22	3	3	3	2	1	2	2	2	1	3	3	...	295*l*	110	452
Musk'm & Tomica	.....	W. M. Wylie, Frazeysburg, Ohio.	3	..	....	....	*h*20	....	5	.....	5	1	1	1	3	....	1	2	2	2	....	2	....	133*l*	21	172
New Concord	.....	J. R. Wilson, New Concord, Ohio.	3	3	7	11	*j*90	1	96	30	58	12	11	6	31	6	6	3	11	8	8	2	4	.....	556*m*	722
North Salem	.....	W. P. Adams, Sugar Tree, Ohio.	2	..	....	1	10	....	.....	.....	18	5	4	6	1	2	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	21*l*	5	65
Utica	J. S. Thompson	Utica, Ohio.	5	5	2	5	*k*95	3	74	40	153	16	34	49	21	8	6	14	10	12	24	4	4	725	329	1,409
.....	R. B. Cannon	6453 Evans Ave., Chicago, Ill.	..	..	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	George Benaugh	.....	..	..	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mid. Wheeling, M.S.	P. H. Wylie, S. S.	Jas. Orr, Roney's Point, W. Va.	1	..	....	5	*h*15	....	15	.....	10	5	15	9	6	3	1	1	..	....	8	....	....	100*l*	30	188
No. of Cong's, 7	No. Ministers, 4	Totals	23	11	25	31	361	5	276	90	293	52	80	80	72	26	16	30	32	58	54	13	12	1,873	1,153	3,844

*From Report of 1896. ‖20 in Chinese School. *a*. Until middle of February. *b*. $206.50 for Supplies. *c*. 11 moved out of bounds of Congregation. *d*. 12 moved out of bounds of Congregation. † For all purposes. *e*. Students' Aid Fund. §From Last Year's Report. †One Adult. ¶Including Manse. *f*. 10½ Months and Manse. *g*. Discrepancy of 2 compared with last year. *h*. Discrepancy of 1 compared with last year. *i*. Roll badly in need of purging, actual membership probably not over 35. *j*. Discrepancy of 3 compared with last year. *k*. 8 names of non-paying members restored to roll. *l*. Supplies. *m*. Chiefly Pulpit Supplies.

Philadelphia Pres.																															
Baltimore	T. H. Walker	1807 N. Broadway, Balt., Md.	2	..	3	....	41	....	85	33	25	25	2	8	15	2	5	....	.....	2	5	....	600	440	1,139
Conococheague	T. H. Walker, S.S.	1807 N. Broadway, Balt., Md.	1	..	....	1	19	....	.....	....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	177	91	281
First Phila	T. P. Stevenson	17th and Bainbridge Sts., Phila.	4	6	....	....	183	4	150	70	176	35	20	33	20	26	25	22	7	120	10	13	9	2,000	2,031	4,547
Second Phila	J. C. McFeeters	1511 Christian St., Phila.	6	..	21	12	284	7	164	24	531	68	62	27	52	66	33	18	57	209	15	13	11	2,000	2,368	5,530
Third Phila	R. C. Montgomery	129 W. Susquehanna Ave., Phila.	7	8	11	12	157	5	150	50	302	50	47	40	38	36	20	13	12	160	10	5	6	1,300	2,099	4,138
.....	A. W. Johnston.	Northwood, Ohio.	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	N. R. Johnston	Oakland, Cal.	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	E. F. Sherman	338 N. 10th St., Camden, N. J.	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	W. M. Hunter	815 Cherry St., Williamsport, Pa.	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	F. Slater	Cinnaminson, N. J.	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 5	No. Ministers, 9	Totals..	20	14	35	25	684	16	549	177	1,035	179	132	109	126	131	84	54	77	492	41	32	27	6,077	7,029	15,625
Pittsburgh Pres.																										
Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	84 Boyle St., Allegheny, Pa.	4	..	11	7	106	*a*5	130	20	563	71	506	60	208	30	34	67	201	90	55	17	22	1,600	588	4,112
Bear Run & Maho. / Rehoboth.	J. F. Crozier	Marchand, Pa.	5	..	1	5	41	1	65	....	31	14	9	26	5	10	3	....	.....	....	12	4	3	170	150	437
			2	..	....	....	33	....	.....	....	5	7	....	2	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	240	....	254
First Beaver Falls	W. M. Glasgow	1023 8th Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.	3	7	12	12	134	*a*3	320	50	120	37	38	16	56	12	2	7	126	5	5	10	40	1,100	1,080	2,654
Brookl'd&Manch'r	.....	H. S. Steele, Ingleside, Pa.	3	3	....	35	70	....	45	....	40	....	....	30	10	....	....	....	.....	....	....	6	6	800	190	1,082
Central Allegheny	J. W. Sproull	229 North Ave., Allegheny, Pa.	5	..	20	26	203	*a*5	489	259	73	15	19	12	38	....	....	8	132	11	4	8	5	2,000	1,583	3,908
Centreville, M. S.	J. R. Latimer, S.S.	H. R. Blair, Krister, Pa	..	..	....	....	18	....	17	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	*j*50	50
Clarksburg	.....	Robt. Henry, Clarksburg, Pa.	2	2	2	2	23	....	10	....	16	....	6	....	4	....	3	2	.....	....	6	3	....	.....	145	185
College Hill	.....	R. M. Downie, Beaver Falls, Pa.	5	5	17	1	59	*a*1	75	40	....	4	....	11	4	5	5	4	2	30	3	4	4	.....	*d*1,096	1,172
East End	D. C. Martin	Etna, Pa	4	3	11	2	53	....	133	....	29	31	53	21	20	15	1	12	176	4	11	5	10	800	554	1,742
Geneva	H. G. Foster	3209 Fifth Ave. Beaver Falls, Pa.	7	6	5	3	123	*a*3	215	25	288	94	141	60	164	26	15	50	37	14	96	9	8	1,000	1,209	3,211
Little Beaver	J. R. Wylie	New Galilee, Pa.	4	5	1	4	90	1	60	20	58	8	12	9	18	5	13	4	22	31	6	6	7	800	115	1,114
McKeesport & Monong'la	B. M. Sharp	412 Shaw Ave., McKeesport, Pa.	3	2	11	7	60	5	30	....	38	4	22	4	13	....	....	3	3	53	20	9	4	400	272	845
Mercer & Adamsv'le	W. J. McKnight	Mercer, Pa.	4	4	3	1	89	3	55	....	27	25	26	15	17	12	9	....	9	2	34	5	5	*e*400	117	703
Middletown	W. J. McKnight, S.S.	R J McCracken, Shira, Pa.	3	..	1	1	20	1	18	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	10	....	....	.....	*h*140	150
Miller's Run	S. G. Conner	Venice, Washington Co., Pa.	3	..	4	2	56	*a*3	60	....	383	103	34	86	66	12	12	34	28	45	37	9	9	731	295	1,884
New Alexandria	R. J. Gault	New Alexandria, Pa.	6	2	4	4	134	1	140	35	149	35	73	111	30	22	22	43	404	31	48	12	13	900	1,987	3,880
New Castle	J. S. Martin	69 Oak Ave., New Castle, Pa.	5	8	20	5	176	7	*c*400	75	121	17	82	28	39	11	4	8	113	31	6	6	8	1,000	746	2,220
North Union	.....	G. H. McCaw, Renfrew, Pa.	3	..	3	1	31	*a*2	25	....	19	....	....	5	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	279	303
Oil Creek	S. J. Crowe	405 Park Ave., Warren, Ohio	3	5	....	5	33	....	40	25	40	....	....	5	....	....	....	....	.....	100	....	....	5	200	170	520
Parnassus	J. S. Duncan	Parnassus, Pa.	4	3	....	1	69	1	44	25	103	36	37	37	58	28	12	14	16	39	3	3	3	900	291	1,580
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa.	2	..	1	....	19	....	25	....	10	2	1	....	2	....	....	....	.....	3	....	....	....	200	6	224
Union			5	4	13	4	77	*a*3	112	....	95	15	28	14	21	17	19	5	631	80	10	5	6	435	277	1,658
Pittsburgh	D. McAllister	55 Linden Ave., Allegheny, Pa.	4	6	21	8	246	*a*8	341	35	229	52	115	45	44	6	1	....	1,491	100	2	....	....	2,500	1,547	6,132
Salem	.....	Joseph McFarland, Stanton, Pa.	2	3	....	....	25	....	.....	....	3	....	4	3	1	1	1	2	.....	....	1	1	1	.....	*i*41	59
Slippery Rock	J. R. Latimer	Rose Point, Lawrence Co., Pa.	7	2	1	2	72	7	98	....	61	7	3	4	43	13	5	5	66	3	10	4	4	*f*600	180	1,008
Wilkinsburg	R. C. Wylie	South Ave., Station D, Pitts. Pa.	5	..	8	3	130	4	*b*315	44	178	6	21	65	112	32	....	....	.....	70	....	....	....	1,200	2,831	4,515
Youngstown		W. W Dickey, Youngstown, Ohio	2	4	2	1	35	....	40	....	5	2	4	3	6	3	1	1	11	....	5	1	1	.....	*g*172	215
.....	R. C. Allen	Grove City, Pa.	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	J. R. Baird	Indiana, Pa.	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	R. J. Dodds	Mersine, Asia Minor	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	H. Easson	Larnaca, Cyprus	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	J. C. K. Faris	Beaver Falls, Pa.	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	Jno Galbraith	Mars, Pa	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	H. H. George	Beaver Falls, Pa.	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	R. J. George	223 Arch St., Allegheny, Pa.	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	W. P. Johnston	Beaver Falls, Pa	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	Geo. Kennedy	Beaver Falls, Pa	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	J. L. McCartney	University Park, Denver, Col.	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	J. J. McClurkin	New Alexandria, Pa	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	A. J. McFarland	Beaver Falls, Pa	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	R. J. McIsaac	Selma, Alabama	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	J. L. Piukerton	Waupaca, Wisconsin	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	D. J. Shaw	New Alexandria, Pa.	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	Jas. Stewart	Latakia, Syria	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
.....	D. B. Willson	Allegheny, Pa.	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's. 27	No. Ministers, 36	Totals..	107	74	172	142	2,225	64	3,302	653	2,684	585	1,234	672	979	260	162	269	3,468	742	384	127	164	17,976	16,111	45,817

a. One Adult. *b*. 229 Mission Scholars. *c*. 200 Mission Scholars. *d*. $189 for Supplies. *e*. ¾ time. *f*. Including Manse. *g*. $117 for Supplies. *h*. $120 for Supplies. *i*. $40 for Supplies. *j*. For Supplies.

CONGREGATIONS.	PASTORS.	P. O. ADDRESS.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Syrian Mission.	Chinese Mission.	Home Mission	Southern Mission.	Indian Mission.	Jewish Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Sustentation	Church Erection.	National Reform.	Testimony Bearing.	Aged Ministers' Fund.	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation.	Miscellaneous	Total.
Vermont Pres.																										
Barnet	D. C. Faris	West Barnet, Vt	4	3	1	3	51	....	100	.....	69	30	20	32	34	8	7	12	11	19	11	7	7	509	99	875
Craftsbury	J. C. Taylor	East Craftsbury, Vt	3	2	3	3	57	*a*3	115	60	98	14	13	25	12	7	13	4	203	7	7	4	4	500*c*	171	1,082
Ryegate	(*b*)		5	1	2	1	26	....	.....	.....	41	9	13	9	5	5	12	3	.....	11	4	1	....	.....	138	251
No. of Cong's, 3	No. Ministers, 2	Totals	10	6	6	7	134	3	215	60	208	53	46	66	51	20	32	19	214	37	22	12	11	1,009	408	2,208
Lakes Pres.																										
Belle Centre	P. P. Boyd	Belle Centre, Ohio	3	1	4	1	56	*a*1	50	20	47	7	13	12	3	3	2	....	7	2	7	3	2	212	135	455
Bellefontaine	P. P. Boyd, S. S.	Belle Centre, Ohio	6	..	2	5	44	....	41	.....	61	13	6	9	9	6	6	....	58	....	8	....	4	291	88	559
Cedarville		D. S. Ervin, Cedarville, Ohio	3	3	7	....	50	....	40	25	23	13	14	9	6	5	4	7	405	13	9	6	7	423	52	996
Cedar Lake	C. McLeod Smith	Ray, Indiana	5	4	14	3	102	6	150	60	89	9	6	40	28	11	7	20	10	7	9	2	....	464	245	947
Cincinnati	J. C. Smith	218 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, O.	2	4	4	3	64	*d*2	129	25	47	5	7	6	2	7	3	9	10	16	8	2	2	1,090	275	1,489
Fair Grove	T. C. Sproull, S. S.	J. S. Wylie, Fair Grove, Mich	3	4	2	3	49	2	80	.....	6	3	7	3	....	2	....	3	63	2	3	....	....	336	61	489
Southfield	J. McCracken	Box 221, Birmingham, Mich	4	4	2	7	105	2	90	31	165	22	36	13	22	6	6	11	8	..	14	5	5	572	304	1,189
United Miami	R. Hargrave	Northwood, Ohio	6	6	3	4	124	3	80	25	109	20	33	30	24	32	....	23	16	6	21	8	....	800	179	1,301
Brush Creek, M. S.		W. C. Ralston, May Hill, Ohio	2	1	..	..	24	....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	..	....	..	....	....	.....	....	8	....	....	.....	.....	8
No. of Cong's, 8	No. Ministers, 6	Totals	34	27	38	26	618	16	660	186	547	92	122	122	94	72	28	73	577	46	87	26	20	4,188	1,359	7,433
Kansas Pres.																										
Beulah, Neb.	R. A. Paden, S. S.	Superior, Nebraska	5	3	1	3	67	3	100	30	6	6	5	4	....	2	....	3	4	3	19	2	....	265	313	662
Clarinda, Iowa	J. W. Dill	Clarinda, Iowa	6	7	22	..	173	7	234	80	97	19	39	130	24	11	15	18	15	17	15	10	7	800	450	1,667
Eskridge	J. R. W. Stevenson	Eskridge, Kansas	6	4	4	4	78	1	.....	.....	15	8	6	5	5	3	3	3	68	....	....	4	2	607	234	963
Hebron	W. S. Fulton	Idana, Kansas	3	2	4	13	83	3	125	40	21	10	13	5	16	5	6	4	6	12	7	4	3	451	185	748
Holmwood	R. A. Paden, S. S.	Superior, Nebraska	4	3	2	....	36	2	60	23	16	....	7	....	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	73	36	142
Kansas City	A. J. McFarland, Jr.	1823 Penn. Ave., Kans. City, Mo.	4	3	3	7	51	3	75	40	28	10	10	7	8	11	6	8	39	7	3	3	1	427	237	805
Long Branch	J. R. Wylie	College Springs, Iowa	*6	*1	....	....	*116	....	*160	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Cedar		Matthew Mann (cor.) Denison, Kansas	*3	*2	....	....	*101	....	*180	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olathe	Geo. A. Edgar	Olathe, Kansas	6	4	10	9	168	4	203	38	411	39	55	60	31	20	12	24	16	29	19	12	11	900	376	2,015
Sterling	T. J. Allen	Sterling, Kansas	5	4	16	4	73	1	100	53	41	11	15	12	5	7	5	6	6	4	6	4	4	500	257	883
College Springs		James Bell (cor.) College Springs, Ia	*3	*2	....	....	*12	....	*20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Superior	R. A. Paden, S. S.	Superior, Nebraska	*3	*3	....	....	*48	....	*60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tabor	S. M. Stevenson	Idana, Kansas	4	4	1	....	61	2	110	32	11	5	9	4	5	....	....	....	3	2	4	....	2	250	117	412
Topeka	R. P. McClurkin, S. S.	Polk & 12th Sts., Topeka, Kan	4	..	7	3	49	1	67	.....	10	3	17	3	2	....	....	....	225	3	1	4	3	216	56	543
Wahoo	W. C. Paden, S. S.	Wahoo, Nebraska	5	3	11	6	49	....	51	15	30	8	10	3	4	6	10	4	3	7	9	2	4	236	145	481
Winchester	D. H. Coulter	Winchester, Kansas	7	5	19	2	109	13	*160	.....	216	36	98	62	23	30	18	24	12	29	31	7	8	912	508	2,014
Cache Creek, M. S	W. W. Carithers		..	..	33	1	58	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	365†
Quinter		A. G. Walkinshaw (cor.) Quinter, Kansas	4	4	9	....	37	....	50	35	.....	.....	7	2	2	....	1	1	.....	.....	2	....	2	70	.....	87
.....	Elmer McBurney	Hong Kong, China	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. A. Thompson	College Springs, Iowa	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. M. Littlejohn	College Springs, Iowa	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. B. Dodds		...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 17	No. Ministers, 17	Totals	78	57	142	52	1,489	82	1,755	386	902	155	291	297	135	95	76	95	397	113	116	52	47	5,707	3,309	11,787

a. One Adult. *b*. Duncan Ritchie, Boltonville, Correspondent. *c*. And Free Parsonage. *d*. Two Adults. *From Minutes of 1896. †For all purposes.

Colorado Pres.																										
Denver	T. H. Acheson	515 S. Pearl St., Denver	3	3	....	10	50	....	100	25	29	....	2	4	2	....	....	1	104	3	1	1	....	475	322	944
Evans	James Patton	Evans, Colo.	2	3	7	2	70	4	90	27	71	‡26	5	25	5	....	6	3	225	5	11	..	4	640	153	1,179
†La Junta	.....	A. Dodds, La Junta, Colo	3	2	....	....	49	....	74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	..	....	112	1	1	2	4	250	298	678
Seattle	P. J. McDonald	1701 Terry Ave., Seattle, Wash.	4	4	5	1	49	2	114	16	95	‡32	39	28	16	7	22	34	1,072	41	34	6	10	439	763	2,639
Oak'd Ch'se Miss	.....	.....	..	..	11	....	25	*11	20	.....	10	‡15	6	13	.....	.....	5	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	$200	252
.....	J. M. Armour	.....	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. M. Wylie	.....	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 4	No. Ministers, 5	Totals	12	12	23	13	243	17	398	68	205	73	52	70	23	17	34	38	1,513	50	47	9	21	1,804	1,736	5,692
Illinois Pres.																										
Bethel	D. S. Faris	Sparta, Ill.	5	1	4	9	66	3	40	8	60	3	15	1	4	3	3	4	3	6	3	1	4	475	111	696
Bloomington	R. M. Blackwood	440 E. Second St., Bloomington, Ind.	5	4	8	6	104	4	¶170	30	131	29	46	30	17	40	13	25	137	105	34	16	16	700	276	1,615
††Coulterville	E. G. Elsey	Coulterville, Ill.	4	5	.....	....	100	....	50	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oakdale	J. C. French	Oakdale, Ill.	6	7	4	8	186	3	210	60	31	9	43	9	11	14	10	5	6	9	7	4	4	800	191	1,153
@Old Bethel	.....	.....	9	3	10	12	154	4	85	30	135	26	22	26	26	13	9	11	7	16	18	5	2	.....	704	1,014
Princeton	J. G. Reed	Princeton, Ind	4	2	3	...	75	2	100	15	96	14	14	13	16	8	10	11	99	14	20	6	6	650	219	1,196
††Selma	S. Kingston, S. S.	Selma, Ala.	4	3	....	....	126	....	550	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
bStaunton	.....	.....	3	1	....	3	30	....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	326	351
cSt. Louis	.....	.....	3	2	....	....	30	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	‖M. A. Gault	221 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 9	No. Ministers, 7	Totals	43	28	29	38	871	16	1,205	243	478	81	140	79	68	78	45	56	252	150	82	32	32	2,625	1,827	6,025
N. Brunswick and Nova Scotia Pres.																										
St. John	W. T. K. Thompson	.....	4	..	....	3	31	....	15	12	16	6	8	2	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	4	2	.....	700	751
Barnesville	W. T. K. Thompson	.....	2	..	....	2	36	....	30	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	268	275
Cornwallis	Thos. McFall	Somerset, Nova Scotia	2	..	1	....	71	2	40	.....	130	5	4	2	2	2	2	2	5	1	1	2	2	331	85	576
.....	Robert Stewart	Wilmot, Nova Scotia	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Houlton, M. S.	.....	Jos. Henderson, Houlton, Me.	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 3	No. Ministers, 3	Totals	8	..	1	5	138	2	85	12	153	11	12	4	3	4	4	5	6	3	3	6	4	331	1,053	1,602
Iowa Pres.																										
First Chicago	....	Jas. Dow, 6320 Lawrence Ave., Chicago, Ill.	3	4	10	1	40	....	60	20	16	....	20	....	....	..	....	....	e23	....	....	....	....	.....	420	479
Hickory Grove	.....	D. C. Nichol, Albia, Iowa	3	3	..	1	29	3	30	.....	11	3	7	5	3	2	4	4	3	2	2	1	2	.....	140	189
Hopkinton	.....	R. L. Wallace, Hopkinton, Iowa	4	3	12	1	106	....	97	....	224	16	83	37	10	12	8	20	13	40	15	7	6	660	174	1,325
Lake Reno	Louis Meyer	Glenwood, Minn.	4	3	10	4	99	6	109	33	105	15	20	30	20	18	2	4	3	50	5	2	2	300	f683	1,259
Morning Sun	C. D. Trumbull	Morning Sun, Iowa	6	5	11	8	138	3	125	43	256	38	252	40	33	62	22	16	50	25	9	12	10	944	308	2,077
Rehoboth	J. A. Black	Wyman, Louisa Co., Iowa	4	4	3	3	62	g6	55	20	163	37	147	78	17	24	14	15	16	23	13	9	7	700	151	1,414
Sharon	T. P. Robb	Linton, Des Moines Co., Iowa	6	6	23	15	238	h13	212	50	557	100	43	114	73	42	12	10	11	34	31	9	10	1,000	544	2,590
Vernon	Isaiah Faris	Vernon, Wis.	3	..	4	1	60	2	95	.....	80	20	30	22	10	7	7	12	10	18	32	7	8	500	90	853
Washington	W. C. Allen	Washington, Iowa	4	3	3	3	65	1	50	25	59	5	5	35	5	....	..	....	.....	10	...	.....	....	700	253	1,072
.....	G. R. McBurney	Cannonsburg, Pa	..	..	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Cong's, 9	No. Ministers, 7	Totals	37	31	76	37	837	34	833	191	1,471	234	607	361	171	167	69	81	129	202	107	47	45	4,804	2,763	11,258

†Last Year's Report. *Adults. ‡Foreign. §For Mission Chapel in China. ¶This number includes 40 belonging to our Mission Station. ††Last Year's Report, no report this year. *c*. Probable Correspondent, W. J. Smith, 110 Walnut Street, St. Louis, Mo. ‖Editor of *Christian Cynosure*. *a*. Correspondent, L. M. Patterson, Baldwin, Ill. *b*. Correspondent, W. H. Williamson, Staunton, Ill. *e*. $18 for new church building fund. *f*. Supplies, $345. *g*. 1 Adult. *h*. 3 Adults.

SUMMARY.

Presbyteries.	Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.	Deacons.	Increase in Membership.	Decrease in Membership.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Sabbath School Attendance.	Young People's Society Attendance.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Syrian Mission.	Chinese Mission.	Home Mission.	Southern Mission.	Indian Mission.	Jewish Mission.	Theological Seminary.	Sustentation.	Church Erection.	National Reform.	Testimony Bearing.	Aged Ministers' Fund.	Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	Salary Paid by Congregation.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
N. Brunswick & N. Scotia	3	*3	8	.....	1	5	138	2	85	12	$ 158	$ 11	$ 12	$ 4	$ 3	$ 4	$ 4	$ 5	$ 6	$ 3	$ 3	$ 6	$ 4	$ 331	$1,053	$ 1,602
Iowa	9	7	37	31	76	37	837	34	833	191	1,471	234	607	361	171	167	69	81	129	202	107	47	45	4,804	2,768	11,258
Lakes	8	6	34	27	38	26	618	16	660	186	547	92	122	122	94	72	28	73	577	46	87	26	20	4,188	1,339	7,433
Kansas	17	†17	78	57	142	52	1,489	82	1,755	386	902	155	291	297	135	95	76	95	397	113	116	52	47	5,707	3,309	11,787
Pittsburgh	27	36	107	74	172	142	2,225	64	3,302	653	2,684	585	1,234	672	979	260	162	269	3,468	742	384	127	164	17,976	16,111	45,817
Illinois	9	7	43	28	29	38	871	16	1,205	243	478	81	140	79	68	78	45	56	252	150	82	32	32	2,625	1,827	6,025
Ohio	7	4	23	11	25	31	361	5	276	90	203	52	80	80	72	26	16	30	32	58	54	13	12	1,675	1,153	3,844
Colorado	4	5	12	12	23	13	243	17	398	68	205	73	52	70	23	17	34	38	1,513	50	47	9	21	1,804	1,736	5 692
Vermont	3	2	10	6	6	7	154	3	215	60	208	53	46	66	51	20	32	19	214	37	22	12	11	1,009	408	2.208
Philadelphia	4	9	20	14	35	25	684	16	549	177	1,035	179	132	109	126	131	84	54	77	492	41	32	27	6,077	7,029	15.625
Rochester	6	6	18	11	28	18	371	11	287	72	426	90	133	95	60	31	47	95	292	81	111	28	31	2.975	1,281	5,776
New York	15	17	61	55	129	113	1,801	58	1,679	567	6,965	326	452	475	238	136	196	870	2,888	483	188	96	98	15,759	16,478	45,628
Syrian Mission	3	†	.....	.....	33	25	218	22	421	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	255	255
Totals	115	119	451	326	737	552	9,990	346	11,665	2.705	$15,367	$1,931	$3,281	$2,430	$2,020	1,037	$793	$1,685	$9,845	$2,457	$1,242	$480	$512	$65,128	$54,742	$162,950

*Changed by ordination of W. T. K. Thompson. †See 4th recommendation (p. 113 of last year's Minutes.)

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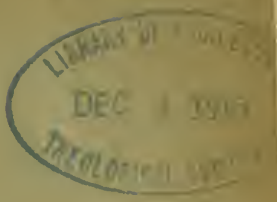

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